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HOPE OF PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRACY

Is to Stand Resolutely for the Men Who Led Them Honorably to Defeat.

The continued efforts of the "Old Guard," as they choose to call themselves, in Pennsylvania to overthrow the present leadership of the Democratic party in the state, leads the Public Ledger in its leading editorial on Friday to say, under the title "Decent Democracy in Pennsylvania Imperiled":

Pennsylvania is so deeply interested in the maintenance of an aggressive minority political party that it views with concern the cabal intent upon the overthrow of the present leadership of the Democrats. Their party was fatally handicapped for years by the control of venal politicians. They were tempted by unscrupulous Republican leaders with the result that the Democratic organization instead of representing a national party became the puppet of the Quay, and later of the Penrose machine. Consequently it lost all influence, as honest Democrats refused to be the pawns of the bi-partisan game.

The reorganization movement meant simply a revolt against a leadership which misrepresented Democratic principles, and degraded the party by making it privy to the worst form of political corruption and maladministration. The reorganizers brought to the front men of high character and clean hands, and revived the hope of the good citizenship of Pennsylvania that we once again might have the benefit of a genuine party of opposition. The reorganizers were successful in their first campaign, at least in that they were able to name a ticket which honestly represented opposition to the majority machine and its methods, and which was composed of men above the suspicion of treachery. They did not win, but their defeat was honorable, not the prearranged outcome of shameless doubledealing.

The importance to this State of a powerful party of opposition capable of making its influence felt in legislation and of becoming a restraining power to check the arrogant exercise of political power cannot be exaggerated. Under honest leadership, such as they have at present, the Democrats still have the opportunity of great usefulness. That opportunity would be lost were the leadership transferred again to the hands of the men who, as the secret partners of the dominant machine, deceived the public, made mock opposition to the majority and received the price of their treachery in the offices parceled out by the Republican machine. Honest Democrats should stand resolutely for the men who led them honorably to defeat in November, and repel the insidious approaches of the plotters who will drag down their party to become again a discarded annex of the Penrose machine.

This band of intriguers is at work in Centre county as well as in other sections in the State, and in this county is being led by the Meeks of the Democratic Watchman. Their sole complaint is the loss of the soup teat, nibbled at from the time their milk molers appeared until the second crop began to decay on account of their unusual use. The Watchman has assailed every decent Democrat from President Wilson down the column to the rank and file in Centre county, and only because through the reorganization of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania it was necessary to clip the wings of every sap-sucker and leech. The editorial writer of The Public Ledger in penning the above editorial had in mind men of this type when he refers to them as puppets of the Quay and later of the Penrose machine. But then the whining of the Watchman today is the death gurgle of its political existence.

"The Philadelphia Record."

Every man's vision is as broad as that of the newspaper he reads. The country newspaper, if he lives in the country, is indispensable to give him a clear view of his immediate surrounding; but the city newspaper is its equally indispensable complement. No man can be well posted nowadays unless he keeps an eye on what the whole world is doing. Therefore he needs bi-focal newspaper glasses—the home newspaper for the little world around him, the city newspaper for the big world beyond its sphere of service.

"The Philadelphia Record" is a world-newspaper. Its service extends to every quarter of the globe. You will get all the news that's worth while, and you will exclude the objectionable and the undesirable, if you make "The Philadelphia Record" your family newspaper. It has a larger family circulation than any other daily newspaper published in Pennsylvania.

Dishes and toys.—C. P. Long & Co.

FARMERS' WEEK AT STATE COLLEGE

December 28 to January 2—Eighty-Five Expert Lecturers to Speak.

As an aid in increasing the net returns from the farms of this State, the tenth annual Farmers' Week will be held at the Pennsylvania State College from December 28 to January 2. More than 2000 farmers and their wives will be college students for the seven days. The meeting will be held during the holiday vacation when the regular students are away from college, and the institution and its equipment will be turned over to the farmers.

The varied program that has been prepared offers courses for the homemaker, the specialist in branches of agriculture, and those interested in general farming. One hundred and sixty-nine lectures and demonstrations will be given by 85 experts from State College, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell University, University of Wisconsin and the University of Illinois.

A special program has been prepared for boys. The youngsters will have their own classes in stock judging, seed corn selection, butter fat testing, and in pruning and grafting practice. Their meetings will be carried on simultaneously with the lectures given their parents.

There will be daily practice in apple packing, in corn judging, in figuring fertilizer formulae; in stock judging, and in butter testing. Many lectures are scheduled in fruit growing and the marketing of farm produce.

For the women of the State there will be lectures and demonstrations in cooking and infant feeding. There will be practical work in garment making, and lectures on the art of buying. Furnishing of the home will also receive attention.

Christmas Entertainments.

Christmas entertainments will be held by a number of churches in the valley, although there will not be as many as in former years. Programs will be rendered in the following churches:

Centre Hall — Reformed, Sunday evening, Dec. 20th. Lutheran, Christmas evening. Methodist, Sunday evening, Dec. 27th.

Tusseyville — United Evangelical, Christmas evening.

Boalsburg—Reformed, Thursday evening, Dec. 24th. Lutheran, Christmas evening.

Farmers Mills—Union, Sunday evening, Dec. 27th.

Rebersburg — United Evangelical, Saturday evening, Dec. 26th.

Penn Hall—Salem Reformed, Christmas evening.

Millheim — United Evangelical, Thursday evening, Dec. 24th.

15 Counties Released from Quarantine.

The State Livestock Sanitary Board adopted an order of general quarantine, on account of the foot-and-mouth disease, affecting twenty-seven counties in Pennsylvania, at a meeting December 9th, the order to become effective immediately. This order supersedes the order of a general quarantine of two weeks previous which had on its list a total of forty-two counties. The quarantine remains in the following counties: Adams, Allegheny, Beaver, Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montgomery, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Schuylkill, Westmoreland and York. Subjecting to said quarantine all cattle, sheep, other ruminants or swine.

No cattle, sheep, other ruminants or swine shall be removed from or out of said quarantined area.

No cattle, sheep, other ruminants or swine shall be moved into the said quarantined area, except on official permit and for immediate slaughter.

No public sales or exhibitions of cattle, sheep, other ruminants or swine in the said quarantined area are permitted.

Transfers of Real Estate.

John D. Miller Treas. to Harry N. Musser, tract of unseated land in Ferguson twp. $21.

John D. Miller Treas. to Harry N. Musser, tract of unseated land in Ferguson twp. $6.92.

John D. Miller Treas. to Harry N. Musser, tract of unseated land in Ferguson twp. $9.22.

John D. Miller Treas. to Harry N. Musser, tract of unseated land in Ferguson twp. $21.97.

George Scott, Sr., to Frank M. Graff, tract of land in Philipsburg boro. $5,000.

Government Land Company, Inc. to Carl Mossaico, tract of land in Burnside twp. $1.

Arthur B. Lee, Sheriff, to J. B. Alexander, tract of land in Milesburg boro. $116.

Arthur B. Lee, Sheriff, to Mary M. Haines, tract of land in Haines twp. $150.

MISS ANNIE BIBLE DEAD.

End Comes Suddenly to Respected Maiden Lady Who Spent All Her Life Here.—Took Sick on Visit to Relatives.

Miss Annie Bible, a life-long resident of Potter township and for the past three years a resident of Centre Hall, died Sunday afternoon at the home of her neighbor, Merchant C F. Emery, after a short illness of congestion of the lungs and heart trouble. Miss Bible, about Thanksgiving time, started on a trip to Clearfield where lives a niece, Mrs. A. J. Musser. Her health at that time was comparatively good, although for some time she suffered with asthma. While there she was taken sick and on Tuesday of last week started for her home. Upon reaching Bellefonte her condition became so serious that she stopped off there and went to the home of her cousin, Mrs. Russel Blair. Mrs. Blair, realizing the seriousness of Miss Bible's condition, had her taken to the hospital where she received careful treatment, but she wished to be removed to her home and on Thursday she arrived here, but could not occupy her home at once because she lived alone and the house was not in condition for receiving a sick person. Mr. and Mrs. Emery, who live next door to the Bible residence, received her into their home and intended to care for her until relatives on the way should arrive and bring her back to health and strength in her own home. Her health, however, continued to grow worse, and on Sunday the end came.

Miss Bible was one of four children of William and Elizabeth (Bitner) Bible and was born on the Bible homestead, now owned by Frank Smith, about one mile east of Centre Hall, in April, 1853, making her age sixty-one years and eight months. After the death of her parents (her mother's death having occurred in 1887 and her father's in 1896) she and her sister, Miss Lizzie, continued on the farm and in 1909 the latter died. The subject of this sketch operated the farm until 1911, when she moved to Centre Hall after purchasing and remodeling a home and lived here ever since. She was the last survivor of the Bible family.

The funeral services were held in the Lutheran church Wednesday morning at ten o'clock and interment in the cemetery at Centre Hall. Rev. J. M. Rearick of Williamsburg, a former pastor of the deceased, assisted by Rev. R. R. Jones of the Reformed church, officiated at the services.

DEATHS.

James Searson, a highly respected citizen of Harris township, died at the home of his son, George Searson, about one-half mile east of Linden Hall, early Sunday morning, following a stroke of paralysis which he received two weeks previous. It was the second stroke, the first one having occurred about three years ago, since which time he had been in poor health. His age was seventy-five years and five months. Funeral services were held in the Reformed church at Boalsburg, Wednesday morning, by Rev. S. C. Stover, and interment was made at that place. Four children survive him, as follows: Harvey, Odessa, Florida; Thomas W., Dewey, South Dakota; Mrs. Irvin Stover, Philadelphia; George, who lives on the Searson farm. One brother and two sisters also survive, namely, William, Hannah, and Mrs. Peter McCullen, all of Grand Island, Nebraska.

Mrs. Sarah M. Hartsock, widow of Houston Hartsock, who preceded her to the grave April 26, 1899, died Tuesday of last week at the home of her nephew, J. L. Dickson, at East Altoona, where she was visiting. She was taken suddenly ill with heart disease. She was born October 14, 1841, at Bald Eagle, Blair county. She was a faithful member of the Third Presbyterian church. She is survived by two sons, Jesse J. and Harry P., both of Altoona, and one brother, Miles Dickson, of Tyrone. The funeral service was held from the home of her son, Harry P. Hartsock, with whom she resided, 431 Fourth avenue, Altoona, and interment was made at Pleasant Gap.

During the lifetime of her husband, she lived on the farm now owned and occupied by Frank D. Lee, below Pleasant Gap.

Charles M. Haines died suddenly at Buffalo, New York, Saturday morning, of heart failure, and on Monday his body was shipped to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Haines, at Rebersburg, and the funeral services were held Wednesday morning in the Lutheran church by Rev. J. L. Metzgar, interment following in the Union cemetery. Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers and one sister, namely, N. C. and W. B. Haines, Rebersburg; and

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NEWS OF 1881.

Notes Taken From Files of The Centre Reporter of Thirty-four Years Ago.

February 17th—The convention at Pleasant Gap, under the supervision of Prof. P. H. Meyer, is in full blast. The number of singers on Tuesday night was 120, and still they come.

The band was out last Thursday evening treating us to some fine music. Considering that the band was reorganized lately, we think they play remarkably well.

B. F. Weiser of Millheim will take possession of Woll's shops on Church street, in this place, and start up blacksmithing in the spring.

In Gregg township there was a warm contest "for" and "against" changing the voting place from Penn Hall to Spring Mills. Penn Hall carried by 73 majority.

Samuel C. Smith, who lived on the farm of his father-in-law, David Krape, a short distance east of Centre Hall, was found dead in the cow stable, under the feet of one of the cows, by his wife, last Friday morning, Feb. 11th. Mr. Smith had gone to the barn to treat a sore eye of one of his cows and the supposition is that he was standing between two cows, treating the eye of the one, when the other thrust her head around, striking Mr. Smith in the stomach, which caused him to fall stunned under her feet where he was trampled to death. He was thirty years of age and a good citizen.

Married—On the 10th inst., by Rev. J. Boas, H. D Emerick and Miss Sara E Rearick, both of Centre Hall.

February 24th—Shafts are being sunk on Shannon Boal's land, in Harris twp., for ore. Gen. Gregg has the ore lease.

On last Friday a deputy U. S. Marshall came to this place having D Feese, distiller, of Woodward, in charge, against whom information had been made for peddling whisky. Mr. Feese said that the charges were without foundation; he expected to enter bail at Bellefonte.

Married—On the 10th inst., at the house of George Spangler, by Rev. S. M. Roeder, Uriah S. Fleisher and Miss Celesta Spangler, both of Potter township.

LOCALS

The jingle of the merry sleigh bells is in the air

D. W. Bradford is serving as a traverse juror during the second week of court.

Frank D Lee of near Pleasant Gap is preparing to build a bank barn on the farm he owns and occupies.

Harold Musser of Mifflinburg is spending a short time with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meyer.

An epidemic of measles in the south precinct of Potter township has closed the Pine Grove and Egg Hill public schools

Rev. D. S. Kurtz, the newly elected pastor on the Centre Hall Lutheran charge, will fill his first appointments on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Dinges spent Sunday at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Musser, at Spring Mills.

Rev. J. C. Sanders has entered upon his duties as pastor of the Turbotville Reformed charge. He was formerly pastor of the Turtle Creek Reformed church.

A new Victor victrola was placed in the home of Chas D. Bartholomew, last week. The instrument is one of the finest and renders the most beautiful music one can listen to.

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of Altoona, from Thursday until Monday, were guests at the homes of the latter's sisters, Mrs. Samuel Krape and Mrs C. R. Neff.

Jacob Biter and friend, Mr. Bunnell, of Milroy were in town Saturday and Sunday. They were entertained at the home of George H. Emerick and came here to attend a meeting of Odd Fellows, the former being a member of the local order.

George H. Ripka, who a few years ago moved from the Stiver farm onto a farm near Milroy, expects to sell his farm stock and next spring move to Milroy. This contemplated action is largely due to the poor health of Mrs. Ripka.

Charles F. Mothersbaugh, farmer of the "Hillside" farm at Boalsburg, last week sold a fat bull to a butcher at State College. The cash received for the animal was within a few cents of $100. He was of the Guernsey breed and was bought, when a calf, at State College by L Mothersbaugh, father of Charles E Mothersbaugh.

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Mrs O. C. Walker, Pittsburg. Mr. Haines was not married. He was born at Wolfs Store forty-four years ago and a number of years ago went to Buffalo where he secured employment with a publishing house.

ORPHANAGE WELL SUPPORTED.

$1000 Contributed for Odd Fellows Sunbury Home—Eager Anticipations For a Joyous Christmastide.

Over a thousand dollars was subscribed by the Odd Fellows of Central Pennsylvania for the orphanage at Arters, near Sunbury. The amount donated was far in excess of all expectations by the orphanage directors. The children are now making preparations for Christmas. There will be special exercises and a Santa Claus for the little tots Contributions are already being received for the yuletide season.

A number of improvements are being made about the home and it will take $1,500 or more to erect a new brick or concrete gymnasium and hall for the orphanage. The money already sent in assures the project and the new building which will be constructed early next spring, will add to the already substantial and attractive buildings composing the orphanage.

The grounds are also being improved. The concrete steps at the nursery annex have been finished, a macadam road is being constructed from the barn to the main road and the ground around the barn is being graded so that the water can be drained off.

Teachers' County Institute.

The sixty-eighth annual teachers' institute of Centre county will be held in the court house, Bellefonte, December 21st to 25th. Superintendent D. O. Etters has secured a good corps of instructors for the week and the evening entertainers promise to be the best in years. The instructors will be Dr. J George Becht, secretary State Board of Education; Dr. C. P. Colegrove, Iowa State Teachers' College, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Supt. S. R. Shear, Poughkeepsie, N. Y; Prof. Charles Lose, Principal Central State Normal School, Lock Haven; James G. Pentz, Department Public Instruction, Harrisburg. The music will be under the leadership of Prof. J. S. F. Ruthruff, Philipsburg.

The evening entertainments will also be held in the court house, beginning at eight o'clock. The program follows:

MONDAY EVENING.

Lecture—"The Scapegoat".....Glenn Frank
Northwestern University

TUESDAY EVENING.

Entertainment — Edwin Whitney, "The Prince of Story Tellers."

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Concert.....The Metropolitan Quartet

Convention of Road Supervisors.

An assembly of state road supervisors will be held at the Pennsylvania College during the week of December 28 The object of this convention is to lend aid and give expert advice to the overseers in improving the roadways under their jurisdiction. If the weather permits, demonstrations of road repair work will be given, using the machinery in possession of the college department of highways.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Miss Nellie C. Thomas died at the Bellefonte hospital from exhaustion, following an operation for appendicitis. She was aged nineteen years.

William Bitner, a native of Liberty township, died at the Lock Haven hospital, aged sixty years.

David H. Meiss died at his home in Julian after an illness of about four years following a paralytic stroke. His age was fifty-seven years

PENN HALL.

Miss Jennie Bartges returned to school last Tuesday.

Pealer Rossman visited his grandmother, Mrs. Guise, on Sunday.

Mrs Bruce McCormick of Sunbury spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orvis McCormick.

Rev. and Mrs. Geesey of Aaronsburg took supper at the home of Wallace Musser on Sunday evening.

Eva Kramer visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Roush, near State College, Sunday.

The teachers of the schools about here have decided to hold exercises in their schools Friday.

The Reformed Sunday-school at Salem expects to hold a Christmas service on Christmas evening.

Cyrus Stover, who had been out west, returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ulrich. He and his brother Orvis returned together.

The recent heavy snow and ice on the trees did a great deal of damage, not only to trees, but also to telephone wires, and communication was cut off for a week or more.

Mrs. Andrew Burrell, near Penn Hall, who has the measels, was very low last week, but at this writing her condition is much improved. Dr. Musser of Aaronsburg is attending her.

The Anti-Saloon League of Synder county is preparing to have the liquor license signers published in booklet form, as they have previously done.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Prof. H. A. Dodson has been appointed chairman of the local teachers' institute in the first district.

The Bubb saw mill is at work on the Slack farm, recently sold by Ashbridge Thomas to the Bubbs.

The Reporter will be published next week for the last time in the year 1914, thus completing the fifty issues.

The large plate glass windows in the Kessler store room, broken by the intense heat of the fire across the street, were replaced.

D. K. Keller was to Mifflinburg on Thursday where he disposed of the real estate of the late David Kleckner, at public sale. Mr. Keller was the administrator of the estate.

Mrs. Margaret Strohm will leave for Phillipsburg, New Jersey, today (Thursday) where she will remain with her daughters, Mrs. A. E. Person and Mrs. Ammon Burkholder.

The horse sale of D. S. Peachy in Lewistown last week was one of the best sales held in that place for some time. Several teams were sold for $500.

The pupils in the borough schools will enjoy a two weeks' vacation, beginning Monday. That means no lessons in the school room until January 4th, 1915.

B. F. Rickert of near Spring Mills announces sale of farm stock and implements for Tuesday, December 29th. Mr. Rickert will move from the Allison farm to the Weaver farm just this side of Spring Mills.

After attending the State Grange at Meadeville, Hon. Leonard Rhone went on to Madeira, Hamilton county, Ohio, to visit his sister, Mrs. Sarah Hess, who now lives with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Smith.

At a public meeting in Mifflinburg $1,285 were collected for a Belgian relief fund. The amounts contributed ranged from ten cents to fifty dollars. The total contributed represents ninety-eight cents for every inhabitant in that town.

Messrs. George Erhart, John E. Rishel and James B. Spangler, met at the Old Fort hotel last week and prepared the auditors' statement of the receipts and expenditures of Potter township. Their report will appear in an early issue.

Governor Tener named Thursday, January 7th, as the date for the electrocution of Isaiah Croson, a negro of Fayette county, which will probably be the first electrocution in the new death house at the penitentiary in Benner township.

The Auman Milling Company during the past summer built a large ice pond to aid in supplying Millheim with the necessary ice, but when the large pond was filled to the brim one of the embankments gave way and to rebuild it will require much labor, especially at this season of the year.

Ralph Waldo Humble, Penn State's star cross-country runner, succumbed early Saturday morning in the Bellefonte hospital to blood poison. He was sick but little more than a week A short time ago a carbuncle appeared on his lip, and blood poison was the result of this growth. He was a member of the sophomore class.

With a view of accommodating his tenants, S. Ward Gramley will begin operations to rebuild the burned business section in Millheim just as soon as weather conditions will permit. He has already consulted with an architect, and soon will have completed plans for the proposed building.

Henry W. Shoemaker, president of the Altoona Tribune, added to his collection of blooded stock for his Clinton county home at McElhattan, the bay stallion Kirkstall, a son of Wilkes Boy and grandson of the Great George Wilkes 2.22. The animal stands 16 hands, and ought to help improve the breed of horses in Central Pennsylvania.

Guy W. Jacobs was in town for a short stay, Saturday, being enroute to Pittsburg where he will work until the holiday season, installing refrigerating machinery for the York Manufacturing Co. Mr. Jacobs recently returned from the South where he was engaged in similar work and reluctantly left the land of blooming flowers for snow and ice.

N. A. Auman purchased from the A. Walter estate the store building he now occupies, in Millheim, together with the two rooms occupied by R. S. Stover and the postoffice which adjoins. As soon as the rooms occupied by Mr. Stover can be vacated, Mr. Auman expects to raze that part of the building and build a store room which he will occupy himself. On the lot where the Auman store now stands, he will build a residence also for his own use.

ALLIES PUSH AHEAD BUT AT HEAVY COST

They Get Across the German Lines of Communication.

Reports of Big Servian Victories Deprecated.

(Latest Summary.)

Defeat of the south wing of the Russian Army in West Galicia is announced at Vienna. The announcement states that the Russians, defeated in a battle at Limonovo, were compelled to retreat, and that the Austrians are pursuing.

Continued successes by the Servians against the Austrians are reported from Nish, but a semi-official statement at Vienna, while admitting the retirement of the Austrian right wing says the Servian claims are exaggerated.

The Russian General Staff announce: "In the Mlawa region we have brought our offensive to a successful conclusion on the whole front."

Capture of 11,000 prisoners by German troops which successfully stormed several Russian positions in North Poland is announced at Berlin.

German attacks at the two extremes of the Allies' front—one northeast of Ypres, in Belgium, and the other at Aspach, in Alsace—are announced by the French War Office, which says the attacks were repulsed.

Important gains by the Allies are claimed, in a communication from the French War Office, to have been made in the woods of La Pretre.

An attack by the French over a large front by the way of Cirey is reported from German headquarters. The statement says the French lost 600 prisoners and many killed and wounded in this engagement.

Italy has made a demand upon Turkey for public satisfaction for the violation of the Italian consulate at Hodeida.

The cruiser Dresden, the only German warship which has survived the battle off the Falkland Islands, is reported to have arrived at Punta Arenas, on the Strait of Magellan.

GOVERNMENT IN PARIS.

French President, Parliament and Cabinet Return From Bordeaux.

Paris.—With the return to Paris from Bordeaux of President Poincare, the members of the Cabinet and Parliament and the diplomatic corps renewed precautions have been taken to protect the city from raids by hostile aviators.

A Cabinet council was held at the Palace of the Elysee, the first to meet here since September 3, on which date the Government left for Bordeaux when the invaders were within 20 miles of the capital. The utmost cheerfulness prevailed at the session, a singular contrast to the intense anxiety shown at the last previous meeting in Paris.

Four hundred thousand youths of 19 and 20 years, forming the class of 1915, went into training in military instruction camps and barracks throughout France. Having had preliminary drills at home, they will be ready for the spring campaign.

Services of prayer for the soldiers in the field are being held daily in churches throughout France. These services are attended by extraordinarily large numbers of families of the men at the front.

BELGIAN RESERVISTS CALLED.

Consuls Throughout United States Issue Summons.

St. Louis.—All Belgian reservists in St. Louis belonging to the classes of 1899 to 1913, inclusive, were called to the colors by the Belgian Consul here. Similar calls are being sent out by Belgian consuls in every American city. Those belonging to the class of 1914, which is comprised of youths now 19 years old, also were instructed to communicate with the Consul. The Consul has further asked that all Belgians in this district between the ages of 18 and 30 communicate with him as soon as possible.

30,000 HORSES FOR GERMANY.

Dallas Also Hears 12,000 Mules Are Negotiated For.

Dallas, Texas.—Negotiations for the purchase of 30,000 horses and 12,000 mules, which it is said are to be sent to Germany, are under way in Texas, according to an announcement here. It was stated that the animals are to be shipped from this State to Genoa, Italy, but local dealers expressed the belief that they would be forwarded from there to Germany. It was said European agents would spend $3,000,000 for Texas horses and mules.

KING PETER GOES TO FRONT.

Led By Him, Servians Take Firmer Stand Against Austrians.

London.—King Peter of Servia, who has been ill for many months, has assumed command of the Servian Army and, according to a Nish report, has checked the advance of the Austrians, inflicting heavy losses on them. The Austrian reply to this is that "the occupation of Belgrade necessitates the regrouping of our troops."

ADMIRAL VON SPEE GOES DOWN WITH FLAGSHIP WHEN FLEET IS TRAPPED OFF SOUTH AMERICA

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German Undersea Boats Make Attack in the Dark on the Admiralty Harbor, Dover, England, and Are Repelled by Fire From All the Forts

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KAISER'S ARMIES CLOSE IN ON WARSAW

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London.—The Russian official statement announces that the German attacks at Mlawa have been repulsed and that the Russian troops by a counter attack gained considerable ground. Seven German attacks on Lowicz were repulsed and great losses were inflicted on the Kaiser's troops. The statement adds that the Russian offensive south of Cracow continues and that 2,000 prisoners have been taken.

The official statements given out in Paris again report gains by the Allies at numerous points on the battle front. The Germans occupied part of a line of trenches in a fierce attack on Ypres, but a short time later the Allies recaptured the lost ground. The occupation of Aspach railway station in Alsace by the French is also announced.

The German War Office reports progress in Flanders and successful attacks on the Allies' lines to the east and west of the Argonne. The offensive in northern Flanders is reported to be progressing.

The Servians continue to pursue the retreating Austrians, according to an official statement given out in Nish. The Austrians have lost thousands of men and are harassed by the Servians, who are pressing the enemy back on Belgrade.

The Secretary of the British Admiralty has received a cable from Vice-Admiral Sturdee of the British squadron stating that the British casualties in the naval battle totalled seven men killed and four wounded. No officers, the dispatch says, were either killed or wounded. The Germans lost upward of 2,000 men, according to the reports.

The German cruiser Dresden succeeded in reaching the Argentine port of Santa Cruz and is interned there, badly damaged, says a cable from Montevideo. An earlier report declared she had been overtaken and sunk, as was the Nurnberg.

Artillery continues to play the main role from Arras southeast along the Aisne to the Argonne where there is fierce infantry fighting with varying results.

German forces are gradually closing in on Warsaw, despite desperate resistance by the Russians, if the latest reports from the fighting line in the east are to be depended upon.

Gen. von Mackensen's army is driving ahead along the railroad east of Lowicz and is said to be only a score of miles from the Polish capital. Forty miles north of Warsaw, Gen. von Francois is slowly fighting his way south. At other points along the semi-circular defense line, which stretches south nearly to Cracow the struggle is fierce, with no definite results.

Victories in western Galicia over the Russians continue to be reported from Vienna, but nothing is given out about the Austrian defeats in Servia.

200,000 MEN LOST IN BATTLE FOR POSSESSION OF LODZ.

London.—Two hundred thousand men, at the lowest estimate, have fallen in the battles near Lodz.

The Bourse Gazette estimates the German casualties in this region at one hundred thousand, and says the percentage of loss, among the commanders and commissioned officers is particularly high.

These estimates are based on the fifty-five mile battle front around Lodz. No figures of losses are available for the remainder of the three hundred mile line along which at times, the fighting has been as desperate in character as that at the more central point of contact.

Berlin Encouraged.

Berlin. — An army headquarters statement says:

In Northern Poland the German troops are closely pursuing the retreating enemy to the east and to the south of Lodz. Besides the extraordinarily large and sanguinary losses reported, the Russians have lost about 1,500 prisoners and sixteen cannon with ammunition carts.

Much encouragement has been derived here from the recent Russian reports, which are considered much less confident in tone than formerly. If an investment of Warsaw should result from the present operations, military men say it will deprive Russia of a most important centre of railway communications and place the Russians in a serious position.

NO CHRISTMAS WAR TRUCE.

Russia Declines to Accept Plan Proposed by the Pope.

Berlin, (by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.).—The proposal of Pope Benedict for a truce among the warring nations during the Christmas holidays is said by the Official Press Bureau to have been declined by Russia.

The Press Bureau previously announced that Germany was willing to agree to a Christmas truce, provided the other nations at war gave their assent.

London.—The British Admiralty announced that the German cruiser squadron under Vice-Admiral Count von Spee, which sank the cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth off the Chilean coast on November 1, was defeated by a British fleet under Rear Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee off the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic. Three German vessels, the flagship Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau and the Leipzig, were sent to the bottom.

The Admiralty report follows:

At 7:30 a. m., on the 8th of December, the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Nurnberg, Leipzig and Dresden were sighted off the Falkland Islands by a British squadron under Rear Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee.

An action followed, in the course of which the Scharnhorst, flying the flag of Admiral Count von Spee; the Gneisenau and the Leipzig were sunk.

The Dresden and the Nurnberg made off, following the action.

Two colliers were also captured.

Rear Admiral Sturdee reports that the British casualties were very few in number and that some survivors were rescued from the Gneisenau and the Leipzig.

The fight was a replica of the meeting off the Chilean coast when Sir Christopher Cradock led his squadron into disaster and went down with the Monmouth and the Good Hope, with the exception that on this occasion the British guns outranged the German.

The statement makes reference to some survivors rescued from the Gneisenau and the Leipzig, but no mention is made of any of the crew of the Scharnhorst, which was the flagship of the German admiral, being saved, and it is thus presumed that Count von Spee, his officers and men went down fighting.

The engagement, one of the greatest that has ever been fought between modern warships, lasted only five hours. The Scharnhorst went down at the end of three hours and the Gneisenau followed Admiral von Spee's flagship went to the bottom two hours later. The fighting began at 7:03 o'clock in the morning and by 12:30 the dangerous units of the German squadron had been disposed of. That left an afternoon of daylight for the British light cruisers to chase the the Leipzig, the Nurnberg and the Dresden.

FOURTH GERMAN CRUISER SUNK.

London.—The German cruiser Nurnberg, which withdrew from the naval battle off the Falkland Islands and attempted to make her escape in company with the cruiser Dresden, was sunk the same day.

While the British warships under Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Boveton Sturdee were sinking the cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig detached units of the English fleet hunted down the fleeing cruisers and sent the Nurnberg to the bottom.

This information was contained in a statement of the British Official Press Bureau.

RUSSIANS IN FULL RETREAT IN HUNGARY, BUDAPEST SAYS

Budapest (via London).—An official communication issued here says:

The enemy who entered the counties of Saros and Miemplin in Hungary are everywhere in full retreat. Our troops are already in Galician territory at several points. Only two or three communities in Hungarian territory are in the hands of the enemy.

PITH OF THE WAR NEWS

Of the five Austro-German columns which for several days appeared to be making steady progress in their invasion of Poland three have suffered checks, says the official report from Russian headquarters.

The Servians have regained most of their territory toward the Bosnian frontier, and they also have defeated the Austrians advancing from the north.

Up to December 8 the Servians had captured about 25,000 prisoners, 115 guns of all kinds and great quantities of war material and ammunition.

Six German submarines raided the Admiralty Harbor at Dover, England. One was declared to have been sunk by the forts and others hit. No damage was done to the British warships at anchor.

Berlin announced the capture of Przasnysz, indicating that the advance on Warsaw from the north is gaining in strength.

French aviators dropped sixteen bombs on Freiburg, in the Grand Duchy of Baden. Berlin claims no damage was done and complains of the act as being "outside the range of operations."

GOETHALS CALLS FOR WARSHIPS

Wants Destroyers Sent to Canal Zone.

WIRELESS MAY BE CAUSE

Officials Believe That Canal Governor Has Had Trouble Preserving Neutrality In the Zone.

Washington, D. C.—Colonel Goethals has requested that destroyers be sent to the Canal Zone immediately, but no specific explanation of the need for naval vessels there was included in the message. A reply asking for this explanation was sent at once.

Officials believe the Canal Governor has experienced some difficulty in preserving the complete neutrality of the zone and its territorial waters. Many ships belonging to belligerent nations are in the vicinity, and it is thought possible Colonel Goethals has found himself unable to check use of their wireless plants within the three-mile limit to convey information to warships at sea.

With swift naval vessels to aid it would be an easier matter to regulate use of wireless.

Recent Activity Alarms.

Recent activity by British and Japanese warships in the vicinity of the Canal Zone, which followed the recent disaster to the British fleet under Admiral Cradock, has given rise to some concern here, although no specific reports of violations of neutrality have been previously received so far as known. Reports of wireless interruption from Panama have led to the belief that colliers and warships were exchanging messages, which, if they have not otherwise been open to objection, have hindered commercial use of wireless to a considerable extent, it is said.

In view of Colonel Goethal's message, it is believed code messages have been picked up which disclosed that to some extent the waters of the zone have been made a base of operations by one or both of the Allies fleets and that the Governor wishes to establish a patrol which will prevent further violations of neutrality.

GOLD MEDAL TO WILSON.

President Remembered For Aid To "Buy-a-Bale" Cause.

Washington, D. C.—To President Wilson was presented a gold medal inscribed, "Neutrality and Humanity" in recognition of his recent donation to the Red Cross bazaar in New York of a bale of cotton which he bought to forward the "buy-a-bale of cotton" movement. The medal was presented by Edward P. V. Ritter, of New York, on behalf of a committee including Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia; Governor Glynn and Mayor Mitchel of New York city.

INDIVIDUAL SUFFRAGE WORK.

Plans For Campaign In Four States Are Worked Out.

New York.—In the campaign next year for votes for women in the States of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts, the work will be carried on along individual lines except for an interchange of speakers. This decision was reached at a conference of suffrage workers from the four States. The delegates said they felt sure that the question of suffrage would be submitted to the people next year in each of the four campaign States.

$1,803,923 FOR ACCIDENTS.

This Amount Paid Out In Five Years By Government.

Washington, D. C.—A total of $1,803,923 has been paid out by the Federal Government during the past five years to more than 14,000 of its employes who met with accidents in the course of their employment under the Federal Compensation act of 1908, according to a report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The act embraces at the present time approximately 95,000 persons, of somewhat less than one-fourth of the civilian employes of the United States.

NO MILITARY INVESTIGATION.

Gardner Plan Voted Down By House Rules Committee.

Washington, D. C.—Representative Gardner's demand for a hearing on his resolution for an investigation into the military preparedness of the country was voted down by the House Rules Committee by a straight party vote of five to three. All the Democrats voted against it.

NO CHRISTMAS TRUCE.

Vatican Announces Failure Of Plan. Russia Opposed It.

Rome. — The Vatican authorities made public a document setting forth the efforts made by the Pope to obtain a truce in the European war during the Christmas season. The efforts of the Pontiff unfortunately failed, according to the Vatican announcement, "owing to the opposition of a certain power."

CARNEGIE IS AGAINST TRUCE

Unchristianlike to Stop War Only Temporarily.

HE CALLS AT WHITE HOUSE

Hopes World Will Be So Horrified After War That Permanent Peace Will Follow Before Very Long.

Washington, D. C.—Andrew Carnegie, a White House caller, expressed decided opposition to a truce in the European war during the Christmas holidays. He declared that it would be unchristianlike and immoral to stop the fighting and then begin it again. He added that he could not believe that any nation which adopted such a suggestion was doing it sincerely.

Mr. Carnegie, after attending a meeting of the Carnegie Institution, walked to and from the White House through a young snow torm. The President was out golfing. Mr. Carnegie praised Mr. Wilson's efforts in behalf of peace.

Ready To Aid In Mediation.

Mr. Carnegie said he hoped that the world would be so horrified over the war that permanent peace would follow. He said his peace foundation would continue its work and that he believed, ultimately, international arbitration would settle all disputes. He declared children should be taught the horrors of war rather than brought up to admire soldiers and their deeds.

Mr. Carnegie showed some interest at a suggestion to him that he might be called upon by the President to help bring about peace when the time came.

"I will do anything I possibly can," he said. "I believe Mr. Wilson earnestly desires peace and the entire country should support him."

For the "men in the trenches" Mr. Carnegie expressed greatest sympathy.

EDISON PLANT BURNED.

Loss Put At $7,000,000, With $2,000,000 Insurance.

West Orange, N. J.—Fire destroyed virtually the entire main plant of the Edison Company here, causing damage estimated at nearly $7,000,000, with insurance that is expected to reduce the loss approximately $5,000,000.

An entire square block of modern reinforced concrete buildings which were supposed to be fireproof was burned out by the flames. The only edifice saved in the block was the laboratory, containing valuable scientific machinery under the immediate superintendence of the inventor, Thomas A. Edison. Especial efforts were made to save this structure.

It is estimated that about 3,000 men and women will be temporarily thrown out of work because of the fire. In all about 7,000 persons were employed at the plant, but as the storage battery building, across the street from the main plant, was saved, with other buildings nearby, it will be possible to keep something more than half the force employed.

Four firemen were injured and were taken to a hospital, but are not thought to be seriously hurt.

HANS SCHMIDT ASKS NEW TRIAL.

Doctors Now Declare Anna Aumuller Died Of Operation.

New York.—As a basis for a motion pleading that a new trial be granted Hans Schmidt, the priest who murdered Anna Aumuller and then threw her dismembered body into the Hudson river, his attorney presented to the Supreme Court affidavits signed by physicians, which set forth that the girl was killed by an operation and not by cutting her throat, as Schmidt said was the case. The affidavits were those of Dr. Henry T. Cattell, of the Presbyterian Hospital of Philadelphia, and Dr. Justin Herold, professor of medical jurisprudence at Fordham University. Decision on the motion was reserved.

TWO SAVED FROM HANGING.

Negroes Were Ready for Execution When Stay Arrived.

Starkville, Miss.—Two negroes, Henry Seals and Peter Behlen, convicted of murder, were saved from hanging here a few minutes before the hour set for the execution, when a stay on an appeal bond subscribed by white citizens, reached the sheriff. A big crowd had gathered to see the hanging, the negroes had put on black robes, coffins had been brought up before the gallows and the sheriff was forming the procession to the scaffold when the stay was received.

FIRE DESTROYS VILLAGE.

Three Lives Lost In Flames In Owendale, Mich.

Vassar, Mich.—Three lives were lost in a fire which practically destroyed the village of Owendale, near here. The dead are John Noviac, his wife and son. Their bodies were found in the ruins of their home. The property loss is estimated at $75,000.

ARGUE LEGALITY OF COAL TAX LAW

Impost on Anthracite Product is Attacked.

MUSTER IN N. G. P. HOSPITAL

Farmers Among Early Auto Registry Seekers—To Admit Cattle Only For Food—Asks $2,000,000 More For Mothers.

Harrisburg.—Three points wherein it is charged that the anthracite coal tax act of 1913 is against the fundamental law of the State were set forth by counsel for coal companies in the trial of the test cases in the Dauphin County Court and after testimony was taken the Court fixed January 4 as the date for argument. Three appeals filed by coal companies from the tax settlements of the Auditor General and State Treasurer were selected from about sixty. They were the Aldan Coal and the Plymouth Coal Companies, operating in Luzerne county, and the St. Clair Coal Company, operating in Schuylkill county.

It was contended by counsel for the companies that the tax is on one kind of commodity and therefore not uniform as required; that the act is special legislation and that preliminaries in advertising required for such acts were not complied with and that the coal appraised was out of the State when valued at the close of the calendar year for taxation. It was also contended that the method of distribution of one-half of the revenue to counties producing coal was inequitable because townships which do not mine coal will share to a greater extent in some cases than those which have mines in active operations.

Attorney General Bell and Deputy Attorney General Hargest vigorously defended the constitutionality of the act with the assistance of Auditor General Powell, while the coal operators' called witnesses stated that coal from their mines was nearly all shipped out of the State when valuations were required to be made and that anthracite was in competition, as far as steam sizes are concerned, with bituminous. Difference in grades of coal was also emphasized.

Early Auto Registry Seekers.

Applications for registration of automobiles for 1915 are appearing at the State Highway Department at the rate of over 700 a day, and it is expected that before long it will be a thousand a day. The demand for registration is from all over the State and it is noticed that many people living in rural districts are entering papers, whereas a few years ago the early applications came chiefly from the cities. It is believed at the department that the registration by the middle of the holiday week will be not far from 60,000 or 70,000, which will be considerably higher than at the same time last year.

Philadelphian Heads Railway Men.

The Pennsylvania Street Railway Association finished its annual convention here and elected officers as follows:

President, C. L. S. Tingley, Philadelphia; vice-president, Thomas A. Wright, Wilkes-Barre; secretary, Dr. Henry M. Stine, Harrisburg; Executive Committee, Thomas A. Wright, Gordon Campbell, York; Thomas Cooper, Pittsburgh; H. J. Crowley, Pittsburgh, and T. H. Jones, of Philadelphia.

Quarantine Raised From 14 Counties.

The State Live Stock Sanitary Board relieved fourteen counties from quarantine for foot and mouth disease, leaving twenty-eight still on the list, in which any movement of cattle is prohibited. The counties relieved are Armstrong, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Clearfield, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, Somerset, Venango and Washington.

Wants Unclaimed Deposits Public.

Suit to reqiure the State Banking Commissioner to require the publication annually of lists of unclaimed bank deposits has been started in the Dauphin County Court in behalf of Mary G. Brackney, of Pittsburgh. It is contended that the institutions do not comply with an act passed in 1847 requiring such publication.

To Admit Cattle Only For Food.

The State Live Stock Sanitary Board has issued an order that no cattle from points outside of Pennsylvania will be permitted to enter any of the counties of the State except for immediate slaughter, This appeals to all counties whether they are in quarantine or not.

Muster In N. G. P. Hospital.

The adjutant general's department announced that field hospital No. 2 had been mustered into the National Guard at Tacony, Philadelphia, by Major Frank D. Beary, deputy adjutant general. It will be commanded by Major Elmor E. Keiser, Medical Corps.

Ask $2,000,000 More For Mothers.

An increase of the State appropriation for mothers' pensions by at least $2,000,000 was favored by the legislative committee of the State Federation of Labor.

The Call of the Cumberlands

By Charles Neville Buck

With Illustrations from Photographs of Scenes in the Play

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SYNOPSIS.

On Misery creek, at the foot of a rock from which he has fallen, Sally Miller finds George Lescott, a landscape painter, unconscious, and after reviving him, goes for assistance. Samson South and Sally, taking Lescott to Samson's home, are met by Spicer South, head of the family, who tells them that Jesse Purvy has been shot.

CHAPTER II—Continued.

"I hain't a-wantin' ter suspicion ye, Samson, but I know how ye feels about yore pap. I heered thet Bud Spicer come by hyar yistiddy plumb full of liquor an' 'lowed he'd seen Jesse an' Jim Asberry a-talkin' tergether jest afore yore pap was kilt." He broke off abruptly, then added: "Ye went away from hyar last night, an' didn't git in twell atter sunup—I just heered the news, an' come ter look fer ye."

"Air you-all 'lowin' thet I shot them shoots from the laurel?" inquired Samson, quietly.

"Ef we-all hain't 'lowin' hit, Samson, we're plumb shore thet Jesse Purvy's folks will 'low hit. They're jest a-holdin' yore life like a hostage fer Purvy's, anyhow. Ef he dies they'll try ter git ye."

The boy flashed a challenge about the group, which was now drawing rein at Spicer South's yard fence. His eyes were sullen, but he made no answer.

One of the men who had listened in silence now spoke:

"In the fust place, Samson, we hain't a-sayin' ye done hit. In the nex' place, ef ye did do hit we hain't a-blamin' ye—much. But I reckon them dawgs don't lie, an', ef they trails in hyar ye'll need us. Thet's why we've done come."

The boy slipped down from his mule and helped Lescott to dismount. He deliberately unloaded the saddlebags and kit and laid them on the top step of the stile, and, while he held his peace, neither denying nor affirming, his kinsmen sat their horses and waited.

Even to Lescott it was palpable that some of them believed the young heir to clan leadership responsible for the shooting of Jesse Purvy, and that others believed him innocent, yet none the less in danger of the enemy's vengeance. But, regardless of divided opinion, all were alike ready to stand at his back and all alike awaited his final utterance.

Then, in the thickening gloom, Samson turned at the foot of the stile and faced the gathering. He stood rigid, and his eyes flashed with deep passion. His hands, hanging at the seams of his jeans breeches, clinched, and his voice came in a slow utterance through which throbbed the tensity of a soul-absorbing bitterness.

"I knowed all 'bout Jesse Purvy's bein' shot. . . . When my pap lay a-dyin' over thar at his house I was a little shaver ten years old . . . Jesse Purvy hired somebody ter kill him . . . an' I promised my pap that I'd find out who thet man was, an' thet I'd git 'em both—some day. So help me, God Almighty, I'm a-goin' ter git 'em both—some day!" The boy paused and lifted one hand as though taking an oath.

"I'm a-tellin' you-all the truth . . . But I didn't shoot them shoots this mornin'. I hain't no truce buster. I gives ye my hand on hit. . . . Ef them dawgs come hyar they'll find me hyar, an' ef they hain't liars they'll go right by hyar. I don't 'low ter run away, an' I don't 'low ter hide out. I'm a-goin' ter stay right hyar. Thet's all I've got ter say ter ye."

For a moment there was no reply. Then the older man nodded with a gesture of relieved anxiety.

"Thet's all we wants ter know, Samson," he said, slowly. "Light, men an' come in."

CHAPTER III.

In days when the Indian held the Dark and Bloody Grounds a pioneer, felling oak and poplar logs for the home he meant to establish on the banks of a purling watercourse, let his ax slip, and the cutting edge gashed his ankle. Since to the discovered belongs the christening, that watercourse became Crippleshin, and so it is today set down on atlas pages. A few miles away, as the crow flies, but many weary leagues as a man must travel, a brother settler, racked with rheumatism, gave to his creek the name of Misery. The two pioneers had come together from Virginia, as their ancestors had come before them from Scotland. Together they had found one of the two gaps through the mountain wall, which for more than a hundred miles has no other passable rift. Together, and as comrades, they had made their homes and founded their race. What original grievance had sprung up between their descendants none of the present generation knew—perhaps it was a farm line or disputed title to a pig. The primary incident was lost in the limbo of the past; but for fifty years, with occasional intervals of truce, lives had been snuffed out in the fiercely burning hate of these men whose ancestors had been comrades.

Old Spicer South and his nephew Samson were the direct lineal descendants of the namer of Misery. Their kinsmen dwelt about them: the Souths, the Jaspers, the Spicers, the Wileys, the Millers and McCagers. Other families, related only by marriage and close association, were, in feud alignment, none the less "Souths." And over beyond the ridge, where the springs and brooks flowed the other way to feed Crippleshin, dwelt the Hollmans, the Purvises, the Asberries, the Hollises and the Daltons—men equally strong in their vindictive fealty to the code of the vendetta.

By mountain standards old Spicer South was rich. His lands had been claimed when tracts could be had for the taking, and, though he had to make his cross mark when there was a contract to be signed, his instinctive mind was shrewd and far seeing. The tinkle of his cowbells was heard for a long distance along the creek bottoms. His hillside fields were the richest and his coves the most fertile in that country. Some day, when a railroad should burrow through his section, bringing the development of coal and timber at the head of the rails, a sleeping fortune would yawn and awake to enrich him. There were black outcroppings along the cliffs, which he knew ran deep in veins of bituminous wealth. But to that time he looked with foreboding, for he had been raised to the standards of his forefathers and saw in the coming of a new regime a curtailment of personal liberty. For new-fangled ideas he held only the aversion of deep-rooted prejudice. He hoped that he might live out his days and pass before the foreigner held his land and the law became a power stronger than the individual or the clan. The law was his enemy, because it said to him, "Thou shalt not," when he sought to take the yellow corn which bruising labor had coaxed from scattered rock-strewn fields to his own mash vat and still. It meant, also, a tyrannous power usually seized and administered by enemies, which undertook to forbid the personal settlement of personal quarrels. But his eyes, which could not read print, could read the signs of the times. He foresaw the inevitable coming of that day. Already he he had given up the worm and mash vat, and no longer sought to make or sell illicit liquor. That was a concession to the federal power, which could no longer be successfully fought. State power was still largely a weapon in factional hands, and in his country the Hollmans were the office holders. To the Hollmans he could make no concessions. In Samson, born to be the fighting man, reared to be the fighting man, equipped by nature with deep hatreds and tigerish courage, there had cropped out from time to time the restless spirit of the philosopher and a hunger for knowledge. That was a matter in which the old man found his bitterest and most secret apprehension.

It was at this house that George Lescott, distinguished landscape painter of New York and the world at large, arrived in the twilight.

Whatever enemy might have to be met tomorrow, old Spicer South recognized as a more immediate call upon his attention the wounded guest of today. One of the kinsmen proved to have a rude working knowledge of bone setting, and before the half hour had passed Lescott's wrist was in a splint, and his injuries as well tended as possible, which proved to be quite well enough.

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While Spicer South and his cousins had been sustaining themselves or building up competences by tilling their soil the leaders of the other faction were basing larger fortunes on the profits of merchandise and trade. So, although Spicer South could neither read nor write, his chief enemy, Micah Hollman, was to outward seeming an urbane and fairly equipped man of affairs. Judged by their heads, the clansmen were rougher and more illiterate on Misery, and in closer touch with civilization on Crippleshin. A deeper scrutiny showed this seeming to be one of the strange anomalies of the mountains.

Micah Hollman had established himself at Hixon, that shack town which had passed of late years from feudal county seat to the section's one point of contact with the outside world; a town where the ancient and modern orders brushed shoulders; where the new was tolerated, but dared not become aggressive. Directly across the street from the courthouse stood an ample frame building, on whose side wall was emblazoned the legend, "Hollman's Mammoth Department Store." That was the secret stronghold of Hollman power. He had always spoken deploringly of that spirit of lawlessness which had given the mountains a bad name.

When the railroad came to Hixon it found in Judge Hollman a "public-spirited citizen." Incidentally, the timber that it hauled and the coal that its flat cars carried down to the Bluegrass went largely to his consignees. He had so astutely anticipated coming events that, when the first scouts of capital sought options they found themselves constantly referred to Judge Hollman. No wheel, it seemed, could turn without his nod. It was natural that the genial storekeeper should become the big man of the community and inevitable that the one big man should become the dictator. His inherited place as leader of the Hollmans in the feud he had seemingly passed on as an obsolete prerogative.

Yet, in business matters, he was found to drive a hard bargain, and men came to regard it the part of good policy to meet rather than combat his requirements. It was essential to his purposes that the officers of the law in his country should be in sympathy with him. Sympathy soon became abject subservience. When a South had opposed Jesse Purvy in the primary as candidate for high sheriff he was found one day lying on his face with a bullet-riddled body. It may have been a coincidence which pointed to Jim Asberry, the judge's nephew, as the assassin. At all events, the judge's nephew was a poor boy, and a charitable grand jury declined to indict him.

In the course of five years several South adherents, who had crossed Holman's path, became victims of the laurel ambuscade. The theory of coincidence was strained. Slowly the rumor grew and persistently spread, though no man would admit having fathered it, that before each of these executions star-chamber conferences had been held in the rooms above Micah Hollman's, "Mammoth Department Store." It was said that these exclusive sessions were attended by Judge Hollman, Sheriff Purvy and certain other gentlemen selected by reason of their marksmanship. When one of these victims fell John South had just returned from a law school "down below," wearing "fotched-on" clothing and thinking "fotched-on" thoughts. He had amazed the community by demanding the right to assist in probing and prosecuting the affair. He had then shocked the community into complete paralysis by requesting the grand jury to indict not alone the alleged assassin, but also his employers, whom he named as Judge Hollman and Sheriff Purvy. Then he, too, fell under a bolt from the laurel.

That was the first public accusation against the bland capitalist, and it carried its own prompt warning against repetition. The judge's high sheriff and chief ally retired from office and went abroad only with a bodyguard. Jesse Purvy had built his store at a crossroads 25 miles from the railroad. Like Hollman, he had won a reputation for open-handed charity, was liked—and hated. His friends were legion. His enemies were so numerous that he apprehended violence not only from the Souths but also from others who nursed grudges in no way related to the line of feud cleavage. The Hollman-Purvy combination had retained enough of its old power to escape the law's retribution and to hold its dictatorship, but the efforts of John South had not been altogether bootless. He had ripped away two masks, and their erstwhile wearers could no longer hold their old semblance of law-abiding philanthropists. Jesse Purvy's home was the show place of the countryside. Commodious verandas looked out over pleasant orchards, and in the same inclosure stood the two frame buildings of his store—for he, too, combined merchandise with baronial powers. But back of the place rose the mountain side, on which Purvy never looked without dread. Twice its impenetrable thickets had spat at him. Twice he had recovered from

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wounds that would have taken a less charmed life. And in grisly reminder of the terror which clouded the peace of his days stood the eight-foot log stockade at the rear of the place, which the proprietor had built to shield his daily journeys between house and store. But Jesse Purvy was not deluded by his escapes. He knew that he was "marked down."

The years of strain were telling on him. The robust, full-blooded face was showing deep lines; his flesh was growing flaccid; his glance tinged with quick apprehension. He told his intimates that he realized "they'd get him," yet he sought to prolong his term of escape.

Yesterday morning Jesse Purvy had risen early as usual, and, after a satisfying breakfast, had gone to his store to arrange for the day's business. One or two of his henchmen, seeming loafers, but in reality a bodyguard, were lounging within call. A married daughter was chatting with her father while her young baby played among the barrels and cracker boxes.

The daughter went to a rear window and gazed up at the mountain. The cloudless skies were still in hiding behind a curtain of mist. The woman was idly watching the vanishing fog wraiths, and her father came over to her side. Then the baby cried and she stepped back. Purvy himself remained at the window. It was a thing he did not often do. It left him exposed, but the most cautiously guarded life has its moments of relaxed vigilance. He stood there possibly thirty seconds, then a sharp fusillade of clear reports barked out and was shattered by the hills into a long reverberation. With a hand clasped to his chest, Purvy turned, walked to the middle of the floor, and fell.

The henchmen rushed to the open sash. They leaped out and plunged up the mountain, tempting the assassin's fire, but the assassin was satisfied. The mountain was again as quiet as it had been at dawn. Inside, at the middle of the store, Jesse Purvy shifted his head against his daughter's knee and said, as one stating an expected event:

"Well, they've got me."

An ordinary mountaineer would have been carried home to die in the darkness of a dirty and windowless shack. The long-suffering star of Jesse Purvy ordained otherwise. He might go under or he might once more beat his way back and out of the quicksands of death. At all events, he would fight for life to the last gasp.

Twenty miles away in the core of the wilderness, removed from a railroad by a score of semi-perpendicular miles, a fanatic had once decided to found a school.

Now a faculty of ten men taught such as cared to come such things as they cared to learn. Higher up the hillside stood a small, but model hospital, with a modern operating table and a case of surgical instruments, which, it was said, the state could not surpass.

To this haven Jesse Purvy, the murder lord, was borne in a litter carried on the shoulders of his dependents. Here, as his steadfast guardian star decreed, he found two prominent medical visitors, who hurried him to the operating table. Later he was removed to a white bed, with the June sparkle in his eyes, pleasantly modulated through drawn blinds, and the June rustle and bird chorus in his ears—and his own thoughts in his brain.

Conscious, but in great pain, Purvy beckoned Jim Asberry and Aaron Hollis, his chiefs of bodyguard, to his bedside and waved the nurse back out of hearing.

"If I don't get well," he said feebly, "there's a job for you two boys. I reckon you know what it is?"

They nodded, and Asberry whispered a name:

"Samson South?"

"Yes," Purvy spoke in a whisper; but the old vindictiveness was not smothered. "You got the old man, I reckon you can manage the cub. If you don't he'll get you both one day."

The two henchmen scowled.

"I'll git him tomorrer," growled Asberry. "Thar hain't no sort of use in a-waitin'."

"No!" For an instant Purvy's voice rose out of its weakness to its old staccato tone of command, a tone which brought obedience. "If I get well I have other plans. Never mind what they are. That's my business. If I don't die, leave him alone, until I give other orders.

"If I get well and Samson South is killed meanwhile I won't live long either. It would be my life for his. Keep close to him. The minute you hear of my death—get him." He paused again, then supplemented, "You two will find something mighty interestin' in my will."

It was afternoon when Purvy reached the hospital, and, at nightfall of the same day, there arrived at his store's entrance, on stumbling, hard-ridden mules, several men, followed by two tawny hounds whose long ears flapped over their lean jaws, and whose eyes were listless and tired, but whose black muzzles wrinkled and sniffed with that sensitive instinct which follows the man scent. The ex-sheriff's family were instituting proceedings independent of the chief's orders. The next morning this party plunged into the mountain tangle and beat the cover with the bloodhounds in leash.

The two gentle-faced dogs picked their way between the flowering rhododendrons, the glistening laurels, the feathery pine sprouts and the moss-covered rocks. They went gingerly and alertly on ungainly, cushioned feet. Just as their masters were despairing they came to a place directly over the store, where a branch had been bent back and hitched to clear the outlook and where a boot heel had crushed the moss. There one of them raised his nose high into the air, opened his mouth, and let out a long, deep-chested bay of discovery.

CHAPTER IV.

George Lescott had known hospitality of many brands and degrees. He had been the lionized celebrity in places of fashion. He had been the guest of equally famous brother artists in the cities of two hemispheres, and, since sincere painting had been his pole star, he had gone where his art's wanderlust beckoned. He had followed the lure of transitory beauty to remote sections of the world. The present trip was only one of many like it, which had brought him into touch with varying peoples and distinctive types of life. He told himself that never had he found men at once so crude and so courteous as these hosts who, facing personal perils, had still time and willingness to regard his comfort.

The coming of the kinsmen, who would stay until the present danger passed, had filled the house. The four beds in the cabin proper were full, and some slept on floor mattresses. Lescott, because a guest and wounded, was given a small room aside. Samson, however, shared his quarters in order to perform any service that an injured man might require. It had been a full and unusual day for the painter, and its incidents crowded in on him in retrospect and drove off the possibility of sleep. Samson, too, seemed wakeful, and in the isolation of the dark room the two men fell into conversation, which almost lasted out the night. Samson went into the confessional. This was the first human being he had ever met to whom he could unburden his soul.

The thirst to taste what knowledge lay beyond the hills; the unnamed wanderlust that had at times brought him a restiveness so poignant as to be agonizing; the undefined attuning of his heart to the beauty of sky and hill; these matters he had hitherto kept locked in guilty silence.

In a cove or lowland pocket, stretching into the mountain side, lay the small and meager farm of the Widow Miller. The Widow Miller was a "South;" that is to say, she fell, by

"I Couldn't Live Withouten Ye, Samson. I Jest Couldn't Do Hit."

tie of marriage, under the protection of the clan head. She lived alone with her fourteen-year-old son and her sixteen-year-old daughter. The daughter was Sally.

The sun rose on the morning after Lescott arrived, the mists lifted, and the cabin of the Widow Miller stood revealed. A tousle-headed boy made his way to the barn to feed the cattle, and a red patch of color, as bright and tuneful as a Kentucky cardinal, appeared at the door between the morning-glory vines. The red patch of color was Sally.

She made her way, carrying a bucket, to the spring, where she knelt down and gazed at her own image in the water.

Before going home she set down her bucket by the stream, and, with a quick glance toward the house to make sure that she was not observed, climbed through the brush and was lost to view. She followed a path that her own feet had made, and after a steep course upward came upon a bald face of rock, which stood out storm battered where a rift went through the backbone of the ridge. This point of vantage commanded the other valley. Down below, across the treetops, were a roof and a chimney from which a thread of smoke rose in an attenuated shaft. That was Spicer South's house and Samson's home. The girl leaned against the gnarled bowl of the white oak and waved toward the roof and chimney. She cupped her hands and raised them to her lips like one who means to shout across a great distance, then she whispered so low that only she herself could hear:

"Hello, Samson South!"

She stood for a space looking down, and forgot to laugh, while her eyes grew religiously and softly deep, then, turning, she ran down the slope. She had performed her morning devotions.

That day at the house of Spicer South was an off day. The kinsmen who had stopped for the night stayed on through the morning. Nothing was said of the possibility of trouble. The men talked crops and tossed horseshoes in the yard; but no one went to work in the fields, and all remained within easy call. Only young Tamarack Spicer, a raw-boned nephew, wore a sullen face and made a great show of cleaning his rifle and pistol.

Shortly after dinner he disappeared, and when the afternoon was well advanced Samson, too, with his rifle on his arm, strolled toward the stile.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

How Suckers Bite.

One Sunday morning, on his way to church, a deacon observed a boy industriously fishing. After the lad had landed several, he approached and said: "My son, don't you know it is very wrong to catch fish on the Sabbath day? And, besides, it is very cruel to impale that poor, helpless beetle upon that sharp hook." Said the boy: "Oh, say, mister, this is only an imitation! It ain't a real bug." "Bless me!" replied the deacon. "Well, I thought it was a real bug!" The boy, lifting a fine string of fish out of the water, said: "So did these suckers!"

Friend of the Farmer.

Dr. Marion Dorset, bi-chemist of the federal bureau of animal industry, is the scientist who first isolated the germ responsible for that farm scourge cholera in the hog. That accomplished, he perfected a serum to combat it, protected his processes by patents and then turned them over to the public, to be used without charge.

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CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

United Evangelical—Lemont, morning; Linden Hall, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening.

Lutheran—Spring Mills, morning; Centre Hall, afternoon; Tusseyville, evening.

Reformed—Spring Mills, morning; Union, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening, Christmas service.

Court News.

The Taylor-Bubb case was continued.

Hannah Cowhen vs. W. G. Frantz, ejectment, continued.

John W. Biddle vs. McNitt-Huyett Lumber Co., continued under terms of settlement.

Samantha J. Gates vs. George N. Hoy, continued.

Susan McClintock vs. same, continued.

John I. Thompson, Jr., and Margaret J. Thompson, his wife, vs. W. Calvin Meyer; improperly on the list.

George E. Campbell vs. The Penna. R. R. Co., improperly on the list.

William Whitmer and Sons Company vs. William Showers; continued.

Charles Kelley vs. A. E. Schad; continued on account of sickness of the plaintiff.

Huston township was awarded a verdict of $950 against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company on Wednesday morning. The railroad company, when it improved its line built an embankment in front of the school house east of the village of Julian, raising both the railroad bed and the public road at that point. The directors claimed damage had been done the school district because approach to the school house had been made dangerous, and the jury believed them.

Bellefonte borough got a verdict of $565 against Louisa G. Harper, guardian of Maud S. Harper. The claim was for maintaining the latter.

Lena Pardoe got a verdict for $192 against executors of Israel Kauffman The woman had kept house for Mr. Kauffman just prior to his death, and claimed there was a balance due on a contract of $1 50 per week.

Howard Rider of Howard plead guilty to the charge of forgery. Donald Potter was the prosecuter. A nol pros was entered as to John L. Whiteman, who was connected with the case.

Fire at State College, Tuesday.

A large stable on the lot of W. C. Meyer at 300 Pugh street, State College, was totally destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon, together with a new Pilot runabout automobile of the latest design. The fire started when Marion, a son of Mr. Meyer, was in the act of filling the gasoline tank. In some mysterious manner the can from which he was pouring the fluid became suddenly ignited and the flames in an instant enveloped the car and spread to the floor and rapidly consumed the stable. The young man escaped all physical injury to himself. A large seven-passenger Pilot car, also the property of Mr. Meyer, was standing in the alley close to the stable and was badly scorched before it was removed. The loss on the stable is covered by $400 insurance, but the loss on the automobile is complete.

Gathering of "Three Score Years and Ten."

Cyrus Durst, the oldest man in years but not in spirit in Boalsburg, celebrated his birthday Wednesday of last week, the Reporter's Boalsburg correspondent reports. His daughter, Mrs. S. J. Wagner, invited a number of his associates to spend the afternoon with him at his home. The occasion was one long to be remembered. Following are the names of those present together with their ages: Cyrus Durst, 87; J. H. Meyer, 84; Alexander Kuhn, 79; Joseph Hettinger, 78; Adam Felty, 78; John Hook, 77; W. A. Murray, 76; George Kaup, 73. Ralph Rishel photographed the good looking "boys."

Blue Rock Shoot.

The Colyer "Sharp Shooters" will hold a blue rock shoot, nearby Meiss' store, Colyer, on Christmas day. Everybody is invited to come and compete for honors.

The family of B. F. Rickert of near Spring Mills has been sorely afflicted, at one time there having been five members of it ill. At present a son, Leo, who had been employed at the Mill Hall condensary, is ill with pneumonia, and a daughter is suffering from rheumatism.

REBERSBURG

The stores are this week putting on their Christmas attire.

Mr. and Mrs. Bloom Brungart of Illinois are circuiating among friends in this valley.

Mrs. Annie Kaler of Mill Hall spent the past week visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Boon and children of South Dakota are guests at the home of Mrs Charles Bierly. Mrs. Bierly is Mrs Boon's mother-in-law.

Jacob Smull, formerly of this place, but now residing in Illinois, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Elmer Miller is at Boyestown where she is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Weizel.

Quite a number of fruit trees were damaged the past week by the heavy ice and snow which accumulated on them.

Preston Syler, who last Saturday had sale of some of his household goods, left on Monday with his family for Phoenixville where he will work on a dairy farm.

John B. Stoner, who farms the Walker farm, will next spring make sale of his farm stock and implements and move to near Philadelphia where he will be employed on a stock farm.

Charles Gephart, who left this place last spring for Sugar Grove, Illinois, where he worked on a farm, returned this week and will spend the winter months under the parental roof.

William Greninger, an aged citizen of Sugar Valley, is lying critically ill at the home of Harvey Limbert, with no hopes of recovery. Mr. Greninger is Mrs. Limbert's father.

Last Saturday evening our townsman, George B. Haines, received a dispatch from Buffalo, N. Y., announcing the sudden death, by heart failure, of his son, Charles. Two brothers of the deceased, Claud and William, left at once for Buffalo and had the corpse shipped to Coburn, arriving at this place on Monday morning. He was buried on Wednesday in the Union cemetery at this place.

The oil prospectors have quit drilling for a few days in order to make some needed repairs. They have so far probed mother earth a distance of 500 feet. The past week they had two car loads of soft coal hauled to their place of operations which goes to show that they mean business, although they have so far met with a great many obstructions in the way of breaking drills, tubes, etc. They do not seem to be discouraged in the least but pound away for all that it is worth.

BOALSBURG

Edwin Rupp of Altoona made a short visit to his parents last week.

Edward Hunter of Altoona visited with relatives at Boalsburg last week.

One of T. D. Boal's mated driving horses died on Saturday night.

We are having cold weather this week; plenty of snow and drifts. Quite a number of water pipes were frozen on Tuesday morning.

Sunday was a very snowy day. Keen disappointment was felt in the evening because of the fact that the College boys did not get here to give their temperance addresses and songs.

Mrs. Margaret Riley attended the funeral of her brother's wife, Mrs. Robert Sechler, last Wednesday. She remained with the family for several days.

John Hook, with his daughter, Mrs. Nannie Coxey, P. S. Isbler and Edward Riley, Monday of last week helped William McClintock at Walnut Grove at butchering. He killed three hogs which weighed 470, 460 and 401 lbs.

Miss Hazel Duck of Williamsport, Miss Stella Raymond, Roy Catherman and Samuel Ross of Linden Hall, spent Sunday evening at the home of Chas. Johnsonbaugh. Mr. Catherman can give an explanation of their trip home.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

On Christmas eve in the Reformed church, at 7:30 a complete service for Christmas entitled "His Natal Day," including the great chime song.

On Christmas evening, at 7:30, in the Lutheran church, "The Christmas Tree's Complaint," a little cantata for little people.

Card of Thanks.

The relatives of Miss Annie Bible take this means to return thanks to all kind friends and neighbors who so tenderly cared for her during her illness and extended help at the time of her death. p'd.

Przemysl: Bretzel.

The Harrisburg Patriot remarks that every time the Germans or Russians get a chance, they rename a town. Hope some other country soon gets Przemysl. Bretzel might be an improvement.

Four Below Zero.

With still four days to go on until the official winter season is here, a touch of the real mid-winter article was felt Tuesday morning when the thermometer registered four degrees below the zero mark. The day remained cold throughout, mercury rising only to five degrees above zero. The ground was well covered with snow, a fall of seven and one-half inches having occurred Sunday night, affording a good protection to wheat fields. A high wind early Monday morning blew the loose snow into huge drifts in the cross roads and made passage almost impossible. Yes, winter is here.

Spring Mills.

Mrs. Daisy Beston has been seriously ill but is improving a little at present.

Mrs. Ray Allison of Howard spent Sunday with H. M. Allison and other relatives.

Rufus R. Finkle is spending some time at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Finkle.

R. G. Kennelly, who was employed at Snow Shoe during the summer, is at home at present.

James Condo of Penn Hall is helping Samuel Stitzer in the blacksmith shop during the busy season.

"The Minister's Honeymoon" rendered by Millheim home talent in the Grange Hall on Saturday evening, was enjoyed by a full house. It was just what it claimed to be—a nice clean play that deserves patronage wherever it is produced.

Colyer.

Before the snow fell some of the farmers in this neighborhood had all their plowing done for spring crops.

Rev. Bierly started a revival meeting in the old church at Zion.

Mr and Mrs Robert Reitz and little son Henry were visitors at the home of Peter Jordan, one day last week.

Miss Grace Neff and brother Homer paid a short visit to their sister Miss Mary at the Peter Jordan home.

The Sunday-school of the U. E church is preparing to hold a Christmas service on Christmas evening.

Miss Helen Bodtorf is spending some time here with her many friends.

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THE TIMBER WASTE.

The Beauty of Penns Valley Marred by Removal of Patches of Original White Pine.

The Altoona Tribune comments on the timber waste in Penns Valley in this fashion :

Among the news of 1880 which is being reproduced in our interesting contemporary, the Centre Reporter, of Centre Hall, Pa., is the following :

"We venture to say that there are no less than twenty steam sawmills in operation in Penns Valley, greedily turning our forests into lumber for foreign markets. There was a day not over twenty years back when a steam sawmill would have been a great curiosity, but now there is scarcely a neighborhood but what sports one or two of these mills. The consequence is that the tracts of fine timberland of which this valley boasted are fast falling to the greed of the steam mill."

The beauty of Penns Valley was seriously marred by these mills, and yet when the writer of this article first visited that charming region in the summer of 1898 quite a few farmers still owned patches of original white pine, which stood up boldly in corners of their fields. At present we do not believe that there are more than two or three patches of original pine in the entire valley. There was one group, the handsomest of the lot, which stood on the top of the high knoll in the very centre of the valley, near the village of Fiedler. It was a conspicuous land mark for miles around and we hope that it is still standing. There was another grove along the pike near Penn Hall and not far from the grave of Rev. James Martin, the first Presbyterian clergyman in the valley. There was a third grove near the town of Spring Mills, but we are informed that it was demolished to supply a portable mill last winter. There were several patches of a few trees each on the south side of the valley, especially between Coburn and Woodward.

It seems a pity that these groves of the noblest trees that Nature ever produced should have been sacrificed in order to make their owners a few extra dollars. The best white pine in Penns Valley was sold years ago for paltry sums and barely made day's wages for its destroyers. Most of the lumbering was done in a wasteful manner and much timber that could now be utilized was left to rot in the woods. White pine is a luxury now, and we have our reckless and wasteful ancestors to thank for it. There are many who claim that the original white pine is a distinct variety from the sap-pine. If that is true the grand pine forests of the past will never reappear in Pennsylvania.

The Farmers' Institute.

The farmers' institute, Monday and Tuesday, was seriously interfered with by the cold and snow. The attendance was very fair but was confined mostly to townspeople whose interest in farming is merely passive. The lecturers had instructive talks that should have been heard by every farmer in the institute district. Three local speakers were on the program, namely, Prof. C. R. Neff, Robert P. Campbell, and S. W. Smith. The first named, to the minds of many, presented the best thoughts during the institute. His subject was, "What Education Should a Farmer's Boy Have?" The speaker pleaded for a liberal education for the boys on the farm, as against the "two blade" education, or that bearing on agriculture alone. He thought the average farmer much more lacking in business qualifications than in his ability to produce good crops.

The institute closed with a plea by Miss Howard of Philadelphia for woman suffrage.

Prof. E. W. Crawford had charge of the singing during the sessions.

The Varneys.

Lack of knowledge of the wide scope of the work of the Varneys during "Welfare Week" hindered their work much in Centre Hall. It was not until the week was well over that their efforts were fully appreciated, and began to take hold. Both the Varneys are powerful speakers, and are earnest, conscientious workers for the welfare of the community in which they labor.

They are much devoted to their work and give their whole strength to it. On the local platform no superior lecturers ever appeared in any of the four courses so well patronized by the people of this community.

From Centre Hall Mr. and Mrs. Varney went to Wilkesbarre. They will be at State College during the week of April 12th.

Death of Two Children.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gilmore, aged four months, died on Sunday from pneumonia. Interment was made in Millheim Wednesday afternoon, and the funeral was conducted by Rev. M. D. Geesey. The child bore the name of the President, Woodrow Wilson.

Mary Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Musser living west of Coburn, aged nine years, died of diabetes. The funeral will take place Friday morning, services in the Reformed church at Coburn by Rev. W. D Donat, and interment in Millheim.

Marriage Licenses.

Fred Theran, Philipsburg
Margaret Varner, Philipsburg
Sidney Hollister, Munson
Helen McTigue, Philipsburg
Harvey Wance, Aaronsburg
Laura Burd, Aaronsburg
Joseph Hartney, Spring Mills
Mary Shlegal, Spring Mills

LOCALS

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The W. C. T. U. will meet in their room on Saturday afternoon.

One more issue of the Reporter will appear during 1914.

The Y. P. B. will meet in their room Thursday evening.

The Mannor Hill school district just emerged from an epidemic of tonsilitis. One case proved fatal.

Richard Brooks was obliged to remain in the house for two weeks on account of an attack of tonsilitis.

Miss Bertha Strohmeier left for Cleveland, Ohio, where she will remain with friends until after the holiday season.

Mrs. Rebecca Murray killed the largest hogs in the borough this year, on Tuesday. There were two, weighing 439 and 430 lbs., respectively.

Rev. J. M. Rearick of Williamsburg was in Centre Hall Tuesday and remained until Wednesday, officiating at the funeral of Miss Annie Bible.

The board of prison inspectors of the western penitentiary of Pittsburgh made an inspection of the death house at the new penitentiary at Rockview, on Monday.

The fall of rain and snow during last week was not sufficient to cause the mountain springs to "come back." It was only for a few days that the flow showed any perceptible increase.

Harvey D. Hagen of Spring Mills was a caller on Wednesday and reported that his brother, John Hagen, had been confined to the house on account of sickness during the past four weeks.

Monday was a bad day for a public sale, yet the horse sale at Millheim went on uninterrupted. Twenty-eight animals were sold at an average price of $193.60, the best figure being for a team—$520.

With eight to ten inches of snow and mercury falling to four below zero at night and hugging it closely for the greater part of the day, old Barney, hitched to a cutter, is supplanting the automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dale, Prof. Milton S. McDowell, Miss Ida McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Corl, and E. K. Keller are some of the Centre county people who attended the State Grange in addition to those mentioned last week.

Those from a distance who attended the funeral of Miss Annie Bible on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Musser, Clearfield ; Mrs. Russel Blair, Bellefonte ; Mrs. George P. Bible, Philadelphia ; and Mrs. Anna D. Bitts, Pittsburg.

The home of J. W. Mitterling has been invaded by sickness with the result that for a time three of the members were afflicted, Mr. and Mrs. Mitterling being at present confined to bed. Miss Laura Mitterling has just recovered from an attack of tonsilitis.

Undertaker F. V. Goodhart had two funerals, and was obliged to call for the assistance of the State College undertaker, who took charge of the funeral of Miss Annie Bible, while Mr. Goodhart conducted the funeral of Mr. Searson at Linden Hall. Both funerals were on Wednesday.

Prof. P. H. Meyer this week placed high-grade Weaver pianos in the homes of the following : Messrs. Waldo E. Homan ; Charles A. Krape, Spring Mills ; John W. White, Bellefonte. The instruments were purchased as Christmas gifts for members of the different families.

Mrs. E. M. Huyett and daughter, Miss Miriam, will leave tomorrow (Friday) for the home of her daughter, Mrs. William A. Magee, at Wenonah, New Jersey, where they will remain until after the Christmas season. Mr. Huyett will arrange to join in the family gathering on Christmas day.

Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Kurtz and son Chester arrived in Centre Hall on Tuesday evening, and prior to the arrival of their household goods will be entertained by members of the Lutheran church of which Rev. Kurtz has now assumed the active pastorate. His first labor on the field was to assist in conducting the funeral of Miss Annie Bible, Wednesday morning.

Victor A. Auman is a candidate for the office of District Deputy Grand Master in the order of I. O. O. F., in this district. The term of the present incumbent, T. M. Gramley, expires in March, at which time the new district deputy will be elected. Mr. Auman is a young man who has devoted his best energies toward the upbuilding of the local order and would, if elected, fill his office with the same ability that characterizes his local efforts.

Charles M. Smith of Sunbury, a salesman and a former resident of Penn Hall, was a guest of E. S. Ripka in Centre Hall. Mr. Smith has severed his connection with the Bittner, Hunsicker & Co. dry goods firm and after January 1st will represent the David Miller firm of Baltimore, one of the largest dry goods and notions houses in the United States. His territory will cover the central part of Pennsylvania and extend into the north tier section.

Toys for children and gifts suitable for all.—C. P. Long & Co.

Georges Valley.

Mrs. J. C. Barger left on Saturday for a week's visit with friends at Lock Haven.

Mrs. Charles Ripka spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lingle, at Sober.

Master Warren McClellan of Spring Mills spent a few days this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. H. Faust.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Gobble and son Walter spent Sunday at the home of Robert Fryer.

James Ungard of Kansas is here visiting his many friends.

The Locust Grove Sunday-school held their annual election of officers on Sunday. Those elected are : J. K. Confer, superintendent ; J. B. Ripka, assistant superintendant ; Miss Mary Rearick and Arthur Gill, librarians ; Miss Anna Rearick, secretary ; Miss Lizzie Hennigh, organist ; C. W. Lingle, treasurer.

Reporter Register.

Mrs. Sarah Spangler, Centre Hall
Mecca Marie Varney, Paw Paw, Mich.
Charles E. Varney, Chicago, Ill.
Howard Homan, Fullerton, Calif.
Mollie Hoffer, Centre Hall
George W. Potter, Centre Hall
O. A. Jamison, Monroe, Wis.
Bertha Brown, Linden Hall
J. H. Weiser, Norman Sharer, Tusseyville
William Rockey, Tusseyville
Thomas C. Miller, Georges Valley
B. F. Rickert, Spring Mills
Mrs. Anna D. Bitts, Pittsburgh
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I have several fine offerings now on my list.

Chas. D. Bartholomew
CENTRE HALL, PA.

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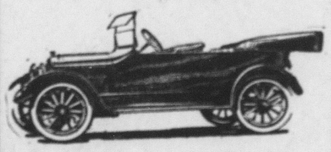

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SPRING MILLS, PA.

SALE REGISTER

Parties having their sale bills printed at this office will have their sales registered under this head FREE of charge. To all others the charge is one dollar, the notice to run until date of sale.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, one o'clock, on the Allison farm one mile northwest of Spring Mills on Farmers Mills road, by B. F. Rickert ; Four horses, four milch cows, two heifers, and lot of implements.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD—H. I. Foust, at Centre Hill, will make sale of farm stock and implements.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, one mile north of Tusseyville, by George F. Potter ; horses, cattle, hogs, implements, etc.

MONDAY, MARCH 22, at ten o'clock, George W Horner, two miles east of Linden Hall, will sell farm stock and implements.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24TH—A. F. Rote, on the Zuider farm, one mile west of Farmers Mills, will sell lot of farm stock and complete line of implements. L. F. Mayes, auct.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE.—

Letters of administration on the estate of Robert E. Bartges, late of Gregg Township deceased.

Letters of administration on the above estate having been duly granted to the undersigned, she would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

JOANNA M BARTGES, Administratrix,
46 o.1 p'd. Spring Mills, Pa

FOR SALE.—Second-hand one-horse wagon, 2 1-2 inch skein, in good condition, purchased new last spring. Will be sold at reasonable price if sale can be effected before first of year. Reason for selling is that I have no use for it.—JOHN McCLENAHAN, Centre Hall. 4301

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POSSIBLY that old heater or cook stove that has done service for these many years should be replaced by a more modern stove that will not only give better satisfaction but will save fuel. Come in and see our complete line of stoves for all purposes. We have the stove you need.

Our Coal Oil Heaters and Cookers (that make no odor) are making satisfied buyers.

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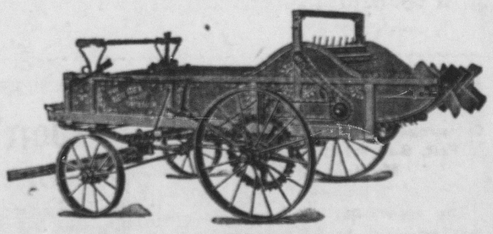
The New Idea Manure Spreader



We received a short time ago a carload of these famous spreaders. The New Idea is more than a spreader, it is a pulverizer, putting the manure in best shape for distributing on the ground. It is simple and easy running, strongly built, and should have a place on every farm.

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If Grandpapa Were Santa Claus!

If Grandpapa were Santa Claus, how happy we would be!
When toyshop toil was finished he would take us on each knee.
He'd tell us all his secrets and he'd name the pretty toys
He'd made and kept in hiding for the other girls and boys.

We have a real, live Grandpapa! He visits us each year,
And he is quite a bosom friend of Santa Claus, I hear.
Although he owns no reindeer, and of playthings no great store—
If Grandpapa were Santa Claus, we could not love him more!

GENE MORGAN.

EMOTIONAL VALUE OF DAY

Christmas Spirit Almost Universally Felt, But What It Is Remains a Mystery to Many.

The emotional value of Christmas may be said to be universally felt. Something happens at Christmas that, if only for a day or two, does the whole world good. What that something is remains for many a mystery. A number of persons who feel the renewing impulse are like Faust when the notes of the Easter song arrest his suicidal intent; they take and enjoy the moment's deliverance and continue to regard the source of the boon as nothing more than mythology made potent through human associations. Others are moved through superstitious fears; they approach the great season with consciences crowded with uncomfortable memories; Marley's ghost is after them, but, unlike Scrooge, their new heart is only for Christmas week. Another group simply fall in with an ancient custom and are surprised, and indeed pleased, when the dry bones of their unbelieving minds come together, take on flesh, and begin to live. A vast multitude meet the great day with buoyant expectation, take with thanks its new happiness, return to their work in this exalted mood, and ask no questions about cause and effect. A few philosophize on the phenomenon, and they are willing to stake their lives on the substantial truth of their insight.—George A. Gordon, in Atlantic Monthly.

Don't and Do

in Holiday Fire Caution

Do not decorate your Christmas tree with paper, cotton or flimsy materials.

Do not use cotton to represent snow.

Do not permit children to light candles.

Do not leave matches within reach of the children.

Do not place Christmas tree near window curtains or gas fixtures.

Use metallic tinsel and non-inflammable decorations only.

Use asbestos fiber to represent snow.

Set the tree upon a substantial stand.

A house of merriment is better than a house of mourning.

Have an extinguisher or a few buckets *full* of water near the tree, ready for use in an emergency.

When and Why.

"Do you go to Sunday school now, Georgie?" inquired Georgie's uncle.

"Yep; Christmas is comin'!"

"Don't you go except just before Christmas?"

"Yep; I go just before the summer picnic, too."

MISTLETOE HISTORY

Gathering of Plant Sacred Rite in Druidical Religious Festivals.

Also Considered a Potent Remedy for Ills, a Belief Which Still Exists in Some of the Remote Places of Europe.

WE decorate our homes with sprays of mistletoe at Christmas time, but few of us know the history of it as a Yuletide symbol. Pretty girls are kissed under it and a great deal of fun and nonsense is carried on apropos of it, but no one stops to think of how ancient a decoration it is or how sacred it was once thought to be.

Almost everybody has a vague knowledge that the Druids of old had something to do with the gathering of mistletoe, but just what that something was is not clear to the average mind.

The fact is that the ancient Celts in their druidical religion had two great festivals, one in June and the other in December, the latter being equivalent to our Christmas. In both of these great festivals the gathering of the mistletoe was a sacred rite.

Pliny in his "Natural History" describes the ceremony. Speaking of the Druids' worship of the oak, he says: "They believe that whatever grows on these trees is sent from heaven and is a sign that the tree has been chosen by the god himself. The mistletoe is very rarely to be met with, but when it is found they gather it with solemn ceremony. This they do especially on the sixth day of the moon, because by the sixth day the moon has plenty of vigor and has not run half its course.

"After the preparations have been made for a sacrifice and a feast under the tree they hail it as the universal healer and bring to the spot two white bulls whose horns have never been bound before. A priest clad in a white robe climbs the tree and with a golden sickle cuts the mistletoe, which is caught in a white cloth. Then they sacrifice the victims, praying that God may make his own gift to prosper with those upon whom he has bestowed it.

"They believe that a potion prepared from mistletoe will increase their flocks and that the plant is a remedy against all poison."

It was believed to be a remedy for many ills, and this belief is still to be found in many remote places in Europe. In Holstein, for example, the mistletoe is regarded as a healing remedy for wounds, and in Lacaune, France, it is always administered by the native people as an antidote for poison.

In the northeast of Scotland people used to cut withes of mistletoe at the March full moon; these they bent in circles and kept for a year to cure hectic fevers and other troubles. In some parts of Germany the mistletoe is especially esteemed as a remedy for the ailments of children, who sometimes wear it hung around the neck as an amulet.

In Sweden on Midsummer eve mistletoe is diligently sought after, the people believing it to be possessed of many mystic qualities, and that if a sprig of it is attached to the ceiling of the dwelling house, the horse's stall or the cow's crib, the trolls will then be powerless to injure either man or beast. Branches of the plant are commonly seen in farm houses hanging from the ceiling to protect the dwellings from all harm, but especially from fire, and persons afflicted with the falling sickness think they can ward off all attacks of the malady by carrying about with them a knife which has a handle of mistletoe.

Like their Swedish neighbors, many German peasants consider the mistletoe a powerful charm against evil spirits. A similar belief seems to have lingered among the Romans, whose religion at a very early date was somewhat similar to that of the Druids. When Aeneas descended into Hades he gathered to protect himself from the infernal powers a branch of mistletoe, which Vergil calls the golden bough.

"IS 'E COMIN' TERNIGHT?"

By WILBUR D. NESBIT

HIT'S de las' thing I heah when I tun out de light:
"Is 'e comin' ternight, mammy? Comin' ternight?"
En de good Lawd knows, dough I sez "Not yit,"
Dey's a-astin' me still whut dey gwine ter git.
En I projick en plan, en I skimp en squeeze,
En I hurries apas' all de winders I sees,
'Case de chilluns espec's dat he'll bring 'em a lot —
En dey think he's de same dat de White Folks got.

"Is 'e comin' ternight, mammy? Comin' ternight?"
Lawd, I wisht in mah soul dat 'e would en he might!
I wisht in mah soul dat 'e'd come down de flue
Lak I useter believe dat 'e sholy would do.
When de chilluns ondress en dey jump into bald,
En I tuck up de quilt 'roun' each po' lil' haid,
Den I set down en wish, en I wish lak I pray,
Dat 'e find out de place 'fo' hit come Chris'mas Day.

Why, de chilluns believes! Dey is sho' dat hit so,
En dey countin' on him lak a man dat dey know,
En dey talk er de things dat he sutten ter bring,
'Twell dey set up in baid en dess holler en sing.
En I tell 'em w'y sho' good ole Santy 'll come
Wid a doll en a sled en a railroad en drum.
En dey drif' off ter sleep wid a smile on dey face—
En dey ain' not a cent I kin spaih in de place!

Hit's de las' thing I heah when I tun out de light:
"Is 'e comin' ternight, mammy? Comin' ternight?"
En I laughs wid dem all w'en dey plan whut dey do
Wid de things dat he'll bring—en I say hit's all true!
En de white chillun up whah I's wukin', dey 'low
Dat ole Santy he'll come, en won't miss 'em nohow.
"Is 'e comin' ternight?" Lawd, I wisht hit 'ud be
Dat he's com hyuh en fix up dis 'problem for me!

Except ye become as a little child ye shall in no wise enter into the joy of Christmas time.

The Christmas Robin.

In many parts of England the robin is associated with Christmas-tide. There is a belief that on Christmas eve these birds will sing near a house where a person is dying, to cheer him.

WHAT YOU CAN GIVE

Helpful Christmas Present Suggestions for Those Who Are Puzzled.

Unabridged Dictionary Will Be Appreciated by Children of Kindergarten Age—Other Suitable Gifts for Young and Old.

A NUMBER of correspondents who have requested suggestions of books suitable for Christmas gifts will find answers to their queries in the following:

Among the many attractive gift books for very little boys might be mentioned Professor Rausmissen's "Analogy Between the Monogamous Protoplasm and the Silurian Molecule." We can think of no book that would be a greater source of delight to the child that is not yet out of short dresses. It tells in easy words of eight and ten syllables of the sports and pastimes of the protoplasmic family and draws beautiful moral lessons from the corpuscles of the carboniferous era. It is handsomely illustrated with representations of the agile animalcule and will be sure to delight the heart of the little boy or girl who finds it in his or her stocking, as the case may be.

Another dainty idea for a child of three or four years is the Unabridged Dictionary. The simplicity of style observed in this interesting narrative recommends it at once for children who have reached the kindergarten age. The plot is not so complex and the characters are sufficiently varied to hold the unflagging interest of the little ones. We have in mind a gentleman who gave his little son a dictionary last Christmas, and he assures us that the lad simply devoured the book.

A pretty present for a child is the clinical report of the county hospital. This comes nicely printed on clean white paper, with bizarre illustrations showing the rise and fall of the temperature, amount of protoids eaten, official count of the germs, statistics as to microbes and many other amusing and entertaining ideas. A rare source of pleasure with this book is to have the little fellows pronounce the long words first the way they are spelled and then read them backward and see what difference, if any, there is in the sound. Some boys would rather do this than go skating.

In the line of pure romance there is nothing more entertaining from Prof. T. L. Escopex's "How the Spectrum Caught On in Saturn." This highly original historical tale tells how the spectrum revealed the secret of Saturn's rings, showing that the planet was warm and dry and that the two rings were for ice water. It comes in four large volumes, with 22 pages of logarithmic calculations that are sure to delight young and old.

As a gift book for a member of a temperature family there is nothing pleasanter than "The Complete Barkeeper." This tells exactly what goes into the stuff that men put in their mouths to steal away their brains, and will be of valuable assistance to any person who wishes to apply satisfactory tests and determine whether or not he has been equipped with brains and would inspire larceny.

"One Thousand Ways to Cure a Cold," by Burton Bales, is a beautifully written book, giving all the remedies for cold that were suggested to its author in one day. There are 89 variations of the quinine and whisky treatment, and the other 911 remedies consist of the same prescription without the bitter quinine. This is a good book to have in any house.

"The Servant Question and Its Answer" will deceive many people, but it might do for a gift to a young married couple. The answer is quaintly given: "Board."

WILBUR D. NESBIT.

"They are to be married on Christmas day."

"Would you call that 'Yule-tied?'"

VALUE OF A CHILD'S GIFTS

Those Made With Their Own Hands Teach Good Lessons and Give Inspiration.

If we stop to think about our Christmas giving we realize that a gift means more to the giver than it does to him who receives. If it is given in the proper spirit the donor finds out to the full that it is really "more blessed to give than to receive," a fact that is lost sight of in an age of the commercial spirit.

With children there is a great educative value in their present giving if it is encouraged to be really their own giving. If the mother, however, simply prepares some little remembrance, and says "Mary, this is your Christmas present to Aunt Ellen," the gift has no meaning in the thoughts of the young giver. And not only has it no meaning, but it becomes actually harmful for the reason it presents the idea to the child that the gift without the giver is really a gift. And the child has put no thought or self sacrifice into the giving of that present.

On the other hand, if the child be given pocket money which it may consider its very own, or, better still, if it is enabled to earn pocket money and is then encouraged to set aside a portion of its very own money for present making the idea of true giving is acquired. The sacrifice, the forethought, the love necessary to make a gift a real gift are there.

The home-made gifts of children have many valuable lessons to teach the young givers. Many lessons in sewing, raffia, bead-work or painting may be given under the guise of making a gift. In one family, where the elder sister had never made gifts, and really never learned to sew well until she was eighteen years of age, the younger sister, a girl of ten, inspired by the example of a small friend, wished to make birthday gifts for her family. Once she asked her mother to teach her how to crochet; another time to scallop, and before she was twelve years old she had become as proficient a little seamstress as one would want to see.

Thus practical lessons are learned, while the child is inspired with the idea that "Not what we give, but what we share; the gift without the giver is bare."

FRIENDLY ADVICE.

"Can you suggest something for me to get for my wife for Christmas?" he asked of the shopkeeper.

"You'd better get her a box of cigars, I expect," said the shopkeeper. "She was in here this morning and bought a lace parasol for you."

MORE SLIPPERS COMING.

"The time is at hand," said the preacher,
With wrath showing plain on each feacher,
"When slippers will be
Showered down upon me
By every feminine creacher."

"IS YOUR BABY CONSTIPATED?"

Baby's bowels must be regulated properly and by a medicine that is safe.

Dr. Fahrney's Teething Syrup

Has proved itself—mothers know it and babies like it. Used in 100,000 American homes. Prevents Cholera Infantum. Best for bowel complaints. Cures Colic in ten minutes. 25 cents at druggists. Trial bottle free if you mention this paper.

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"My wife was so crippled with Rheumatism that she could hardly walk. After trying everything else without getting any relief I was persuaded to try Yager's Liniment. The first bottle acted like a charm and afforded immediate relief, and after using 3 bottles she was entirely well." THOS. MOORE, Profitt, Va.

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The Old Home Prescription

that is pleasant to take and sure to help, is

Hale's Honey

Of Horehound and Tar

Stops coughs and relieves colds. Contains no opium nor anything injurious.

All Druggists.

Pike's Toothache Drops Stop it

Perils of Bathing.

"There's nothing I enjoy more than splashing about in the ocean."

"I once got a nasty cut that way."

"How did it happen?"

"I slapped a tomato can."

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Some men succeed by taking chances with the other fellow's wad.

Occasionally it is cheaper to move than to try to live it down.

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H. H. DAVIS, A105, 6101 May St., CHICAGO

LITTLE CHANGE IN MANKIND

Scientists of Opinion That Dispersion and Separation of Races Was Not Rapid Process.

Though it is conceivable that mankind may have spread from a common center over the entire earth in a few thousand years. Prof. Arthur Keith, in a Birmingham university lecture, has pointed out that the discoveries of the last 50 years clearly indicate that the dispersion and separation into widely separated races has not been a rapid process.

The inhabitants of the lower Nile valley, though immigrants have arrived among them, show clearly persistence of the old types for 8,000 years. The permanence of human types has been also shown in America, and a human skeleton of Yansing, Kan., found at a depth of 23 feet in a glacial deposit, probably dates back 12,000 years.

The men of England of 5,000 years ago had the modern stature, with the form of head and strength of muscle of many men of today. Professor Keith declared that his audiences had representatives of the men of the Derbyshire cave, in America the red Indian preserves the form of men who lived before the last glacial invasion, and the predynastic Egyptian survives in tribes on the Red sea.

Geometrical Staircase.

What is believed to be the first geometrical staircase ever built of concrete forms a part of the "Caracol" tower in a museum building that has just been completed in Los Angeles. The building with its tower is in the quaint ancient Spanish style of architecture and is constructed entirely of poured concrete. The tower is 125 feet high. In the center is the geometrical stairway, consisting of 160 steps, circling around an open space only 24 inches in diameter and mounting to a height of 120 feet. Unlike most geometrical staircases, including the one in St. Paul's cathedral in London, this staircase occupies only a small part of the tower, space being left for rooms of fairly large size on each of the seven floors.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Coinage.

In the fifteenth century a skilled coiner, of whom there were but few, might be able to turn out by hand fifty or sixty coins a day, a result totally inadequate to cope with the vast quantity of treasure, chiefly silver, that shortly began to arrive from America. To multiply coiners was to multiply forgers, and thus the coining machine became a necessity of state. A laminating mill and screw coining press was invented in Italy, 1547; Spain, 1548; France, 1553; England, 1561, reign of Elizabeth. After several trials and abandonments the mill and press were established permanently under Charles II, whose golden guineas, struck in 1662, were the first regular issues of machine coins made north of the channel.

A Doubtful Frame of Mind.

"Do you believe in unpreparedness for war as a powerful influence for peace?"

"I'm not sure about that," replied Senator Sorghum. "I can't see any evidence to the effect that no monarchy would have the heart to shoot up an unarmed nation."

MESMERIZED

A Poisonous Drug Still Freely Used.

Many people are brought up to believe that coffee is a necessity of life, and the strong hold that the drug, caffeine, in coffee has on the system makes it hard to loosen its grip even when one realizes its injurious effects.

A lady writes: "I had used coffee for years; it seemed one of the necessities of life. A few months ago my health, which had been slowly failing, became more impaired, and I knew that unless relief came from some source I would soon be a physical wreck.

"I was weak and nervous, had sick headaches, no ambition, and felt tired of life. My husband was also losing his health. He was troubled so much with indigestion that at times he could eat only a few mouthfuls.

"Finally we saw Postum advertised and bought a package. I followed directions for making carefully, and added cream, which turned it to the loveliest rich-looking and tasting drink I ever saw served at any table, and we have used Postum ever since.

"I gained five pounds in weight in as many weeks, and now feel well and strong in every respect. My headaches have gone, and I am a new woman. My husband's indigestion has left him, and he can now eat anything."

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Postum comes in two forms:

Regular Postum—must be well boiled. 15c and 25c packages.

Instant Postum—is a soluble powder. A teaspoonful dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. 30c and 50c tins.

The cost per cup of both kinds is about the same.

"There's a Reason" for Postum.

—sold by Grocers.

KEYSTONE STATE IN SHORT ORDER

Latest News Happenings Gathered From Here and There.

TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Lay Wreck Fault To Freight Crew. Dead Man's Employers Gives $500 To Widow—Snowslide Buries Boys Sleeping In Bed.

Nine families are homeless as the result of a fire in the suburbs of Mt. Carmel, which, destroyed two double blocks and gutted another, causing a loss of $15,000. The fire originated in a basement occupied by Peter Buscavige, and in a short time, the entire building was in flames which spread to the residences of Anthony Lobus and Edward Wilson. A house, occupied by Theodore Halcavich and Paul Rubick, next fell a prey to the flames, as did the hotel of Stephen Homiack.

Employes of the Diamond mine of the Lackawanna Company, at Scranton, into which thirteen miners were hurled 300 feet to death from a lift in which they were descending to work, declared that the mine carriage had been defective for some time, and that the floor fell out because of this defective condition. They minced no words in laying the accident to the negligence of company employes whose duty it was to keep the lift in repair.

At the annual reorganization meeting of the Phoenixville School Board, it was decided after a bitter contest that dancing would be permitted in the auditorium of the new high school at proper school functions until ten o'clock. This determination was reached only after one of the most exciting sessions of the board, which also resulted in the resignation of John S. Winchester as secretary of the board.

A check for five hundred dollars came as an acceptable Christmas present to Mrs. Annie May Saul, of Allentown, widow of George Saul, who died last week and left her with five small children. Mr. Saul was employed by a silk dyeing company, which for the benefit of its fifteen hundred employes last summer took out the largest insurance policy ever issued, for $3,500,000, every one to share in it as soon as his name got on the pay roll.

Raymond and Robert Laubach, of Emaus, had the experience of being snowed under while asleep at their home. A miniature snowslide that fell from the roof of the home of John H. Frankenfield, a neighbor, poured through a second floor window of the Laubach home and covered the bed. It was only after considerable difficulty that the lads were able to dig themselves out.

That the entire crew of the freight train were not minding their business and are equally responsible for the accident was the text of a statement of Superintendent W. H. Keffer, of the Reading Railway, following a thorough investigation of the wreck at Royersford, which caused the deaths of two engineers and seriously injured two firemen.

The Allentown Chamber of Commerce, at its annual meeting elected the following officers: President, Edgar J. Lumley; vice-presidents, A. Samuels, L. H. Yeager, James F. Hunsicker, George F. Breining; secretary, Harry I. Koch; treasurer, Harvey E. Bohner; trustees, Max Hess, John N. Lawfer, John F. Frey, George T. Hersh, Lewis L. Anewalt.

Robert Argher, eight years, of Treverton, was going on an errand when he noticed a telephone wire that had been blown down by the storm suspended over a high voltage trolley wire. The boy picked it up and a 500-volt current shot through his body, burning his hand to a crisp. He was removed in a critical condition to the State Hospital at Shamokin.

Nicholas Demidio, a wealthy contractor, of Minersville, was shot four times by his wife in their bedroom and instantly killed. She says he came home after having been drinking and shot at her three times as she lay in bed. She seized a pistol she had taken from him Monday when he threatened to shoot her and fired four shots.

As a result of a discussion of the war in Europe between John Slivotich, a Russian, and Stephen Horwath, an Austrian, both of South Bethlehem, Slivotich is nursing a stabbed arm. Horwath is in the county jail awaiting the result of the Russian's injuries.

Because the drinking water of Norristown has had a coal tar taste and nauseating odor, probably three-fourths of the 30,000 people there refrain from drinking it. Many of those who did indulge are ill.

William Rosenberry, of Altoona, pleaded guilty at Chambersburg to shooting a deer with horns less than two inches long. He was fined $100 and the costs which amounted to $29.86.

The Markets

NEW YORK. — Wheat — Spot irregular; No. 2 red and No. 2 hard, 124c, all rail, c i f track export; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 127 and No. 1 Northern Manitoba, 123¼c c i f Buffalo to arrive. Futures were without transactions, December, 122¼c; May, 129¼.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2 yellow, 72½c c i f to arrive; Argentine prime, 73 nominal, delivered.

Butter—Ladies, current make, firsts, 22½@23c; seconds, 21½@22.

Cheese—State, whole milk, held, whites, specials, 16@16¼c; do, colored, 16; State, whole milk, whites, fresh specials, 15¼@15½; do, colored, 15¼.

Eggs—State, Pennsylvania and nearby, gathered browns and mixed colors, 35@43c.

Live Poultry — Steady; Western chickens, 11@12c; fowls, 12@13½; turkeys, 11@12. Dressed dull and weak; Western roasting chickens, 14½@18; fresh fowls, 12½@17; turkeys, 12@20.

PHILADELPHIA. — Wheat — Car lots, in export elevator, No. 2 red, spot and December, $1.14@1.17; No. 1 Northern Duluth, $1.25½@1.28½; No. 2 red Western, $1.19@1.22.

Rye—No. 2 Western, as to quality and location, $1.05@1.12 per bushel

Corn—Car lots, No. 2 yellow, old, 81@81½c; steamer yellow, old, 80½@81c; new, yellow, as to quality, 68@72c; new, cob, per 70 pounds, 67@68c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 54@54½c; standard, white, 53@53½c; No. 3 white, 62½@53c.

Cheese — New York, full cream, earlier receipts, choice, 16c; current make, choice, 15½c; New York, full cream, fair to good, 14½@15c; part skims, 8@13c.

Live Poultry—Fowls, 11@13c; old roosters, 10c; spring chickens, according to quality, 11@12c; ducks, 12@16c; geese, 13@14c; guineas, weighing 2 pounds and over apiece, per pair, 60c; do do, weighing, 1½@1¾ pounds apiece, per pair, 50@55c; do do, old, per pair, 45@50c; turkeys, 13@16c; pigeons, per pair, 15@18c.

BALTIMORE.—Wheat—No. 2 red spot and December, 117¼c; January, 118¼.

Corn—Contract, new, 68⅝c.

Oats—Standard white, 53@53¼c; No. 3 white, 52½@52¾.

Rye—No. 2 Western, $1.15½@1.16; No. 3, do, $1.09@1.10; No. 4, do, $1.06@1.07; No. 2, nearby, $1.04@1.05; bag lots of nearby, as to quality, 95c@$1.02.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $20; No. 2, do, $17.50@18; No. 3, do, $15@16.50; light clover mixed, $18@18.50; No. 1, do, $17.50@18; No. 2, do, $16@17; choice clover, $20.50; No. 1 do, $20; No. 2 do, $16@17.50; No. 3, do, $12@14.50.

Straw—No. 1 straight rye, $14@14.50 No. 2, do, $13@13.50; No. 1 tangled rye, $10@11; No. 2, do, $8.50@9; No. 1 wheat, $8; No. 2, do, $7@7.50; No. 1 oat, $9.50@10; No. 2, do, $8@8.50.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 34@34½; creamery, choice, 32@33; creamery, good, 30@31; creamery, prints, 33@35; creamery, blocks, 32@34½; ladles, 21@22; Maryland and Pennsylvania, rolls, 21@22; Ohio, rolls, 20@21; West Virginia, rolls, 20@21; storepacked, 19@20; Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 20@21.

Eggs — Maryland, Pennsylvania firsts, 35c; Western firsts, 35; West Virginia firsts, 34; Southern firsts, 32@33c.

Live Poultry—Chickens, old hens, 4 lbs and over, 13c; do, old hens, small to medium, 12; do, old roosters, 9; do, young, smooth and fat, 13; do, young, rough and poor, 12. Ducks, muscovy, 3 lbs and over, 13c; do, Perkins ,3 lbs and over, 14; do, puddle, 3 lbs and over, 13; do, smaller, 12; do, Indian runners, 12. Geese, nearby, 14c; do, Western and Southern, 12@12. Pigeons, young, per pair, 20c; do, old, per pair, 20. Guinea fowl, young, 1½ lbs and over, each, 35c; do, smaller, each, 25. Turkeys, young, 9 lbs and over, 16@17c; do, smaller, 14@15; do, old, 15@16.

Dressed Hogs—Choice lightweights, 9½@10c; do medium weights, do, 9@9½; do heavyweights, do, 8; boars and rough stock, do, 6@7.

Live Stock

CHICAGO. — Hogs — Bulk, $6.55@6.85; light, $6.10@6.85; mixed, $6.40@7; heavy, $6.35@7; rough, $6.40@6.55; pigs, $3.50@6.50.

Cattle—Native steers, $5.70@10.50; Western, $5.25@8.50; cows and heifers, $3.25@8.60; calves, $7@10.

Sheep — Sheep, $5.20@6.25; yearlings, $6.30@7.50; lambs, $6.50@9.

NEW YORK.—Beeves—Steers, $7.25@8.60.

Calves — Veals, $8@13; grassers, $4.50@5.25; yearlings, $4@5.

Sheep—$3.50@5.75; culls, $3; lambs, $8@10; culls, $6@7; yearlings, $6.50@7.

Hogs—Heavy to light, $7.80@3; roughs, $6.75.

ST. LOUIS.—Hogs—Pigs and lights, $5.75@7.15; mixed and butchers, $6.90@7.25; good heavy, $7@7.25.

Cattle—Native beef steers, $7.50@10.75; cows and heifers, $5@9.25; Texas and Indian steers, $5.75@7.75; cows and heifers, $4@6; native calves, $6@10.

Sheep — Lambs higher; muttons steady; native muttons, $4.75@5.50; lambs, $8@8.90; yearlings, $5.50@7.25.

THE FOLLY OF DISCONTENT

Vain Longing and Aspirations, as This Little Fable Shows, Are Things of Moment.

A fashionable woman, coming from the opera, in the rosy nest of a limousine, passed a group of laborers at midnight. Machines, like terrible animals, were burrowing into the earth. Steam was hissing, as if from the mouths of a million serpents. Rocks flew in every direction. Torchlights danced. There was the thunder of labor. The night shift was in full swing.

And the woman, glancing from the window at a certain workman, for an instant thought:

"How I wish I had that brawny laborer's strength and joy of life! How I envy him his power, his physical perfection, the wonder of his manhood, his freedom from the shackles that bind me. He is his own master, while I am a slave—the slave of a man I despise!"

At that moment the laborer paused long enough by the deep chasm where his engine rocked, to glance into the motor as it sped by him. And he thought:

"Oh, to be like her! To know leisure and wealth and rest! To be free from drudgery and toil, to come and go as I pleased! To throw off the chains of debt and worry, and have the days and nights stretch ahead of me like a field of flowers!"

But in another instant the motor was gone. The torchlights flared brighter than ever. And each had forgotten the other.—Judge.

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"In what respect?"

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Seizing the Advantage.

"What are you boys making such a racket down there for?"

"Why, we're two big nations gone to war."

"But what are you both pummeling poor little Freddy for?"

"Oh, he's a neutral so he can't fight."

How It Happened.

"How did the cashier of your bank get into jail?"

"Left the 's' off speculation."

Methuselah had a grudge against his wives, perhaps, and kept on living to beat them out of the insurance.

Cure for Thirst.

"What do you want the ten cents for?" asked the minister.

"Booze," replied the bleary beggar, shamelessly. "I need it awful bad—it's jest about killin' me."

"Isn't there any way you can get rid of that terrible appetite for drink?"

"Yep—I kin do it in a holy minute if you'll lemme have that dime."—Toledo Blade.

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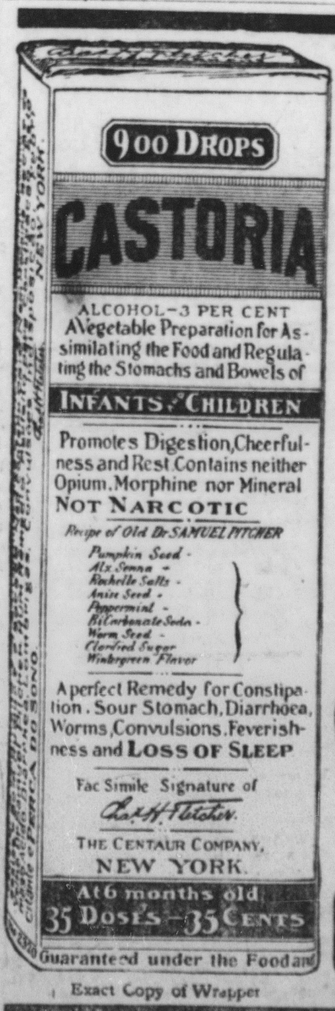
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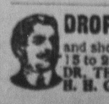

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THE CENTRE REPORTER.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1914

McSPARREN HEADS STATE GRANGE.

Succeeds "Farmer" Creasy at Election Held at State Meeting at Meadville, Last Week.

The meetings of the State Grange came to a close Friday, at Meadville, after one of the most interesting conventions ever held by the Grange body. Reports of officers at the sessions of the convention indicated a strong and increasing grange sentiment throughout the state.

The treasurer, Frank P. Willets, of Delaware county, reported receipts for the year to be nearly $50,000, and that the organization was stronger financially than it has ever been.

James G. McSparren of Lancaster county, who went to Europe at the expense of the State Grange, after Governor Tener refused to grant the request to send a farmer abroad, talked on the question of rural credits based upon the result of his travels and observation.

Mr. McSparran thought it well that the recent congress did not pass a bill on this subject, as enough study has not been given to the matter. "We want no special system for the farmer," Mr. McSparren said, "which will give them opportunities not afforded to other classes. Without special laws the farmers have accumulated unincumbered holdings worth $34,000,000,000 in the United States and now only ask to be classed with other business men and given credit to be able to run their business. We must not make the mistake in making law like some of the systems abroad, which are for the benefit of a peasant class."

"Farmer" Creasy scored the methods of keeping up the state highways and the existing road laws. "The state has taken over nearly 9000 miles of roads without any system of caring for them, and building new roads at such an enormous expense that would eventually bankrupt the state if these prolific ways could be continued. Our present state highway law needs to be remodeled and put on a business basis. The Jones township road law of 1913 should be repealed, because it takes away the local authorities and places in the highway department the control of local road affairs."

A resolution pledging all delegates present not to take or allow in their homes any paper or periodical which carried liquor advertisements was presented by F. N. Moore, of Bradford county, and passed by a unanimous vote.

Installation of officers marked the close of the forty-second annual session of the State Grange. The officers are:

Worthy master, John A McSparren, Lancaster county; overseer, F. N Moore, Bradford county; lecturer, Thomas M. Piollet, Bradford county; steward, Theodore Kline, Wayne county; assistant steward, R. E. Green, Warren county; chaplain, the Rev. H. G. Teagarden, Jefferson county; treasurer, F. P. Willetts, Delaware county; secretary, Mrs. Nettie E. Ailman, Juniata county; gate keeper, Arthur Chase, Bradford county; Ceres, Dr. Hannah McK. Lyons, Chester county; Pomona, Mrs. Hannah Bush, Tiogo county; Flora, Mrs. Carolyn Dale, Centre county: lady assistant steward, Mrs. Addie Miller, Erie county; finance committee, W. B. Ross, Lackawanna county; executive committee, R. S. Rankin, Washington county; director Keystone Exchange, Harry Shainline.

The election of McSparren was brought about by the withdrawal from the contest of William T. Creasy, the retiring State Master, and James G McSparren, father of the new master. James G. McSparren, who received the nomination, withdrew when it became apparent that his son would win the contest over the retiring State Overseer, E. B. Dorsett, of Tioga county, the only other candidate.

Creasy gave "personal business" as his excuse for withdrawing. He served as master three terms, extending over six years.

The annual report of the Keystone Grange Exchange was made by the manager, E. B. Dorsett. He reported that nearly $200,000 worth of business had been done last year and that the small deficit of a year ago had been turned into a credit balance. A large exhibit of the machinery which the exchange handles was at the convention and general satisfaction was expressed regarding it.

Invitations for next year's meeting were presented by State College and also Washington county. These will be considered by the executive committee and decided upon by them.

A Rummy Movement.

The Blairsville (Indiana county) Courier announces in red ink that it nominates Penrose for President in 1916. Its chief reason for doing so is because Penrose at the last election had for his followers all the rumdums in the Republican party, all the rumdums in the Democratic party and all the dumrums in all the parties.

Emmet Brooks killed a large grey fox at the base of Nittany Mountain one day last week.

COBURN.

John Elmer from Ohio came home to visit his parents for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Confer from Indiana are visiting Mr. Confer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Confer.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stover from Whetham are visiting Mrs. Stover's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kaler, for a few days.

Mrs. Walter Heim of Dornsife is spending a few days with her parents at this place.

Mrs. Jacob Breon of Jersey Shore is visiting her brothers, Boyd and George Stover, at this place; also spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stover, at Madisonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Campbell spent a few days at Williamsport last week.

W. E. Montgomery of Potters Mills spent a day with his friend, Chas. Meek.

Wm. Gentzel visited friends in Bellefonte a few days last week. He also was a juror at court.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaler of Lindale visited among friends over Sunday.

The snow and ice we have had for the past week has been very hard on the fruit and other trees.

Mamie Treaster and sister Blanche from Bellefonte were welcome visitors with their father, James Treaster, a few days last week.

David A. Boozer from Centre Hall packed the dried apples at the evaporator and got them ready for shipment.

Mr. Weaver from Lock Haven shipped a carload of apples from this place last week, and expects to ship another car in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hosterman spent a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Bigler Shaffer, near Smullton.

George Moyer is able to be up and around at this writing.

Wm. Eisenhuth of West Virginia is visiting his brother, Reuben, at this place, also his father, Henry Eisenhuth, in High Valley.

Pleasant Gap.

Kline Grenoble was taken to the Bellefonte hospital for treatment.

E. K. Keller, as representative from the local Grange, attended the meetings of the State Grange, at Meadville.

J. T. Noll is adding a bathroom and pantry to his home. Messrs. Lucas and Runkle of Centre Hall have the carpenter work in charge.

Miss Mayme Wian, one of the "hello" girls in the Bell exchange in Bellefonte, visited at the J. T. Noll home over the week end.

Miss Helen Colyer of Millheim visited for a short time in town on Sunday.

Mrs. Lyde Love of Bellefonte visited at her home at the toll gate, on Thursday.

Miss Kathryn Wian of Bellefonte has been sewing for Mrs. John Noll the past week.

Wm. Bilger is improving his property in this place, by the addition of new windows and paint.

In the absence of Postmaster Coble, who is on a short visit, his place is being very ably filled by Leslie E. Miller.

Mrs. Jane Weaver is recovering slowly from her operation at the Jefferson hospital in Philadelphia. She was operated on for blocked salivary glands.

Mrs. Kathryn Hunter has been visiting at the L. A. Miller home for several weeks. Mrs. Hunter was formerly Kathryn Furey, and is quite well known to most of the older people of Pleasant Gap. Her home is in Pittsburg.

The Leathers Bros., land agents, were in our town negotiating for the purchase of the Harry Keller farm, better known as the old Swaney place.

Grant Dunkleberger's handsome residence is nearing completion and when done will be an addition to the upper end of Main street.

The body of Mrs. Huston Hartsock of Altoona was brought to the Lutheran cemetery for burial on Tuesday afternoon. Two sons—Jesse and Harry—of Altoona survive to mourn her loss; also a foster daughter, Mrs. Kline, of Bellefonte. The Hartsocks, after the death of Mr. Hartsock, moved from the farm now owned by Frank Lee, to Altoona where they have since resided.

Aaronsburg.

Mrs. Emma Hess is in Lock Haven where she will spend a few days with friends.

Calvin Moyer of Freeburg came to spend some time with his sister, Mrs. Catharine Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCormick and children of Potters Mills visited Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Mingle, on Sunday.

E R. Wolf of Wolfs Store, teacher of the intermediate school, had quite an experience wading snow on Monday morning from his home to Rebersburg.

Mrs. Clyde Burkholder, nee Miss Annie Bower, of Juniata, and her brother, Harold, of Madisonburg, and James Breon of Jersey Shore were at the home of Mrs. Effie Weaver on Sunday.

Ready-made percale dresses.—C. P. Long & Co.

INSUFFICIENT STAMPS WILL AFFECT TITLES

Warning Issued Concerning the Transfer of Realty—Stamps Must Show Purchase Value.

The internal revenue collectors are sending out a warning that unless the proper amount of war tax stamps are attached to papers in real estate transactions there would be flaws in titles.

On account of the war tax the familiar phrase, "for $1 and other valuable consideration" becomes dangerous.

While the special war taxes are being collected, it was said, the best course would be for principals in real estate deals to give exact figures before recording deeds. No matter what sum is involved it is necessary to use one 50-cent stamp for each $500 of the value of the property transferred, after the deductions for mortgages or other encumbrances are made.

It is not the business of the recorder to question deeds upon which there are war stamps. The recorder is not interested in the considerations mentioned. If the document has stamps affixed it is not his business to learn whether or not the proper number of stamps have been used.

If through ignorance or intentionally the law is evaded there is likely to be trouble in future if the property is offered for sale. To dispose of any cloud in a title it will be necessary to purchase the stamps that ought to have been purchased originally and pay a penalty as well before a conveyance can be made.

In has been found that in 1898 when war stamps were required on all deeds recorded, hitches were caused by failure to make the stamps agree with the true value of the property. There have been recent instances in this state in real estate deals where Spanish war stamps had to be purchased and severe penalties paid for the neglect to provide them at the time parcels of realty changed ownership.

Brings result—a Reporter ad

What for Christmas?
--FURNITURE, of course.

NOTHING gives so much real, lasting, and genuine satisfaction to the recipient of a Christmas gift as a piece of furniture. You may feel sure that your gift will be really and truly appreciated, and your buying of so sensible an article as a piece of good furniture is a direct compliment to your intelligence in solving the ever perplexing Christmas-Gift problem.

We have something suitable for everyone whom you have down on your "list" for gift-giving—from baby to grandpa—we have the just the thing to gladden the heart on Christmas morning. We mention a few, but our store is loaded from top to bottom with other useful gifts.

Big Line of Beautiful Pictures

In oval and square frames---an endless variety.
A sensible gift at a very low cost.

Library Tables Parlor Tables Couches
Davenports Music Cabinets
Rocking Chairs Kitchen Cabinets Mirrors
Buffets Carpet Sweepers Rugs

—but why go on enumerating; we ask that you come in today and see what we have.

GOODHART'S
The Gift-Giving Store
CENTRE HALL

OVER--STOCK SALE

The Above Title Tells the True Meaning of This Sale.

We think that the people of this community are all well aware of the disastrous fire which struck our town, through which we were compelled to keep our store closed for about a week. Before this disaster happened I had gone to New York to buy an entire new stock to replenish my line with the newest creations in all wearing apparel for MEN, WOMEN and CHILDREN. During the peroid of time our store was closed we received the new stock of goods just purchased. After we had gotten matters in good condition we noticed that our stock was entirely too large for this time of the year.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

Afer we considerd the matter, we decided to place all these goods on sale and cut the price on same to HALF, just to be a benefit to our customers, and we hope they all will take full advantage of it.

Here Is Your Opportunity. This Is the Time You Need the Goods and we Have Anything You Need.

YOUNG LADIES WHO ARE TEACHING

and are preparing to attend institue, or are going to be Christmas brides, we can please them all in getting the most up-to-date outfit for the least money.

WE SURELY CAN DRESS THE MEN.

Whether they are young or old, we can please them all. MEN'S SUITS and OVERCOATS, from $5.00 to $28.50—EXACTLY HALF PRICE.

Ladies' COATS and DRESSES, an Innumerable Number of Styles, Priced from $5.00 to $20, Now at EXACTLY HALF PRICE.

IT is useless for us to quote prices on our stock. We do not believe in quoting prices on paper, but we guarantee to give you real values for your money. We are selling our own stock, which is new, clean and fresh, not unsalable goods from other stores. Our wish is to see all our friends and customers here. Just as soon as you see our line you will not be able to resist the temptaiton of purchasing our bargains.

Let us Sell You an Outfit and You'll be Pleased and Come Again.

Grasp the Opportunity to Buy Innumerable Bargains

KESSLERS' Department Store
MILLHEIM, PA.